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## INTRODUCTION.

Victoria is situated at the south-eastern extremity of the Australian continent of which it occupies about a thirty-fourth part, and contains about 87,884 square miles. It lies approximately between the 34th and 39th parallels of south latitude and the 141st and 150th meridians of east longitude. Its greatest length from east to west is about 493 miles, its greatest breadth about 290 miles and its extent of coast-line (including the length around Port Phillip Bay, Western Port, and Corner Inlet) 980 miles. It is bounded on the north and north-east by New South Wales from which it is separated by the River Murray and by a straight line in a south-easterly direction from a place near the head-waters of that stream, called The Springs, to Cape Howe. On the west it is bounded by South Australia and on the south and south-east its shores are washed by the Southern Ocean, Bass Strait, and the Pacific Ocean.

The climate of Victoria is characterized by warm summers, rather cold winters, and rain in all months. Mean temperatures in midsummer (January) range from 65 deg. (Fahr.) in the south to 75 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west, corresponding means of daily maxima being 80 deg. (Fahr.) in the south and 90 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west. In midwinter (July) the mean temperature is generally below 50 deg. (Fahr.), mean of the night minima being below 40 deg. (Fahr.).



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## I.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

### VICTORIA—POPULATION.

Period.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Census—			
1901 (31st March) .. ..	603,720	597,350	1,201,070
1911 (3rd April) .. ..	655,591	659,960	1,315,551
1921 (4th April) .. ..	754,724	776,556	1,531,280
1933 (30th June) .. ..	903,244	917,017	1,820,261
1947 (30th June) .. ..	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701
At 31st December—			
1942 (a) .. ..	970,887	991,771	1,962,658
1943 (a) .. ..	979,884	1,002,005	1,981,889
1944 (a) .. ..	987,323	1,010,997	1,998,320
1945 (a) .. ..	995,333	1,020,250	2,015,583
1946 (a) .. ..	1,006,990	1,033,291	2,040,281
At 30th September, 1947 (a) .. ..	1,017,337	1,043,341	2,060,678

(a) Subject to revision

Note.—Particulars are estimated in respect of dates other than census dates.

### VICTORIA—MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS.

Period.	Number of—				Rate per 1,000 of Population.(a)			Infantile Mortality.
	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Deaths under One Year.	Marriage.	Birth.	Death.	Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births.
Year ended 31st December—								
1942 .. ..	23,636	35,927	21,973	1,496	12·06	18·33	11·21	41·64
1943 .. ..	18,356	39,117	21,327	1,399	9·30	19·82	10·81	35·76
1944 .. ..	17,857	39,358	20,502	1,258	8·97	19·78	10·30	31·96
1945 .. ..	16,501	41,200	20,496	1,155	8·22	20·53	10·21	28·03
1946 .. ..	21,405	46,693	21,534	1,268	10·57	23·05	10·63	27·16
1947 .. ..	20,437	47,366	21,442	1,245	9·95	23·06	10·44	26·28
					Equivalent Annual Rate per 1,000 of Population.			
1948—								
March Quarter .. ..	5,311	11,200	4,367	228	(b)	(b)	(b)	20·36

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Not available.

### VICTORIA—PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Cause of Death.	Year Ended 31st December—		March Quarter—	
	1946.	1947.	1947.	1948.
Tuberculosis .. ..	711	677	144	147
Cancer .. ..	2,836	2,908	741	693
Diabetes .. ..	432	437	103	74
Cerebral Haemorrhage, &c. .. ..	2,138	2,338	487	483
Diseases of the Heart .. ..	6,689	6,728	1,360	1,276
Arteriosclerosis .. ..	510	551	125	82
Pneumonia and Broncho-pneumonia .. ..	1,246	1,140	224	214
Nephritis .. ..	1,301	1,178	255	229
Diseases Peculiar to the First Year of Life .. ..	734	724	176	140
Senility .. ..	706	563	127	108
Accidental Deaths .. ..	853	982	245	235

# VICTORIA — AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION AT CENSUSES OF 1933 AND 1947.

(Subject to revision.)

Age Last Birthday (Years).	Census, 1933.			Census, 1947.			Increase of Persons, 1933 to 1947.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
0- 4 .. ..	73,752	70,839	144,591	100,830	96,409	197,239	52,648
5- 9 .. ..	83,771	80,300	164,071	78,593	75,518	154,111	— 9,960
10-14 .. ..	83,290	80,398	163,688	68,738	66,655	135,393	— 28,295
15-19 .. ..	80,885	79,599	160,484	76,109	74,676	150,785	— 9,699
20-24 .. ..	77,666	76,955	154,621	81,463	83,101	164,564	9,943
25-29 .. ..	73,964	71,320	145,284	78,088	80,126	158,214	12,930
30-34 .. ..	69,345	68,060	137,405	78,356	80,694	159,050	21,645
35-39 .. ..	63,459	68,678	132,137	75,538	74,986	150,524	18,387
40-44 .. ..	62,029	65,782	127,811	70,859	67,334	138,193	10,382
45-49 .. ..	54,005	56,262	110,267	65,905	66,040	131,945	21,678
50-54 .. ..	45,003	47,146	92,149	58,447	63,449	121,896	29,747
55-59 .. ..	36,123	39,172	75,295	53,797	57,352	111,149	35,854
60-64 .. ..	33,033	37,328	70,361	41,767	46,901	88,668	18,307
65 and over .. ..	64,283	72,737	137,020	79,243	101,252	180,495	43,475
Not stated .. ..	2,636	2,441	5,077	6,134	6,341	12,475	7,398
Total .. ..	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	234,440
Under 21 .. ..	337,817	327,106	664,923	339,679	329,308	668,987	4,064
21-64 .. ..	498,508	514,733	1,013,241	588,811	603,933	1,192,744	179,503
65 and over .. ..	64,283	72,737	137,020	79,243	101,252	180,495	43,475
Not stated .. ..	2,636	2,441	5,077	6,134	6,341	12,475	7,398
Total .. ..	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	234,440

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes decrease.

## VICTORIA—INCREASE OF POPULATION IN AGE-GROUPS. CENSUSES 1921 TO 1947. (Subject to revision.)

Age Group (Years).	Census 1921.	Increase 1921-1933.		Increase 1933-1947.	
	Persons.	Numerical.	Percentage.	Numerical.	Percentage.
Under 21 .. ..	613,454	51,469	8·4	4,064	0·6
21-64 .. ..	842,089	171,152	20·3	179,503	17·7
65 and over .. ..	73,069	63,951	87·5	43,475	31·7
Not stated .. ..	2,668	2,409	..	7,398	..
Total .. ..	1,531,280	288,981	18·9	234,440	12·9

# VICTORIA—CONJUGAL CONDITION OF POPULATION AT CENSUSES OF 1933 AND 1947.

(Subject to revision.)

Conjugal Condition.				Census, 1933.			Census, 1947.		
				Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
Never Married—									
Under fifteen years of age	..			240,813	231,537	472,350	248,161	238,582	486,743
Fifteen years of age and over	..			272,048	250,291	522,339	245,767	219,852	465,619
Total—Never Married	..			512,861	481,828	994,689	493,928	458,434	952,362
Married (a)	..	..	..	357,157	358,899	716,056	479,270	481,956	961,226
Widowed	..	..	..	27,479	71,210	98,689	31,793	90,164	121,957
Divorced	..	..	..	2,463	2,768	5,231	5,689	6,774	12,463
Not stated	..	..	..	3,284	2,312	5,596	3,187	3,506	6,693
Total	..	..	..	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701

(a) Includes persons permanently separated (legally or otherwise).

# VICTORIA—PERSONS WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE AT CENSUSES OF 1933 AND 1947.

(Subject to revision.)

Number of Dependent Children.				Census, 1933.				Census, 1947.			
				Number of Persons with Dependent Children.			Total Number of Dependent Children.	Number of Persons with Dependent Children.			Total Number of Dependent Children.
				Males.	Females.	Persons.		Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1	..	..		84,997	9,567	94,564	94,564	109,898	10,203	120,101	120,101
2	..	..		62,376	3,872	66,248	132,496	77,756	3,860	81,616	163,232
3	..	..		33,666	1,715	35,381	106,143	34,631	1,396	36,027	108,081
4	..	..		17,166	708	17,874	71,496	13,585	537	14,122	56,488
5	..	..		8,183	329	8,512	42,560	5,295	198	5,493	27,465
6	..	..		3,993	120	4,113	24,678	2,161	38	2,199	13,194
7	..	..		1,726	43	1,769	12,383	864	16	880	6,160
8	..	..		712	19	731	5,848	369	3	372	2,976
9	..	..		218	4	222	1,998	164	4	168	1,512
10	..	..		77	2	79	790	51	..	51	510
11	..	..		11	..	11	121	8	..	8	88
12	..	..		3	..	3	36	..	..	..	..
13	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
14	..	..		..	..	..	..	1	..	1	14
Total	..	..		213,128	16,379	229,507	493,113	244,783	16,255	261,038	499,821



VICTORIA—INDUSTRY OF THE POPULATION, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1947.  
(Subject to revision.)

Industry.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
<i>a)</i> Primary production—			
Agricultural, grazing, and dairying .. .. .	106,287	6,734	113,021
Other .. .. .	8,999	13	9,012
Total, Primary Production .. .. .	115,286	6,747	122,033
<i>b)</i> Mining and quarrying .. .. .	4,308	102	4,410
<i>c)</i> Manufacturing—			
Founding, engineering, and metalworking (including ship-building) .. .. .	51,744	5,400	57,144
Manufacture, assembly, and repair of vehicles, parts and accessories .. .. .	19,612	987	20,599
Manufacture of clothing .. .. .	9,520	27,501	37,021
Manufacture of food and drink .. .. .	26,266	5,989	32,255
Paper, printing, bookbinding and photography .. .. .	14,262	4,521	18,783
Other .. .. .	80,726	25,539	106,265
Total, Manufacturing .. .. .	202,130	69,937	272,067
<i>d)</i> Building and construction .. .. .	58,428	365	58,793
<i>e)</i> Transport and storage .. .. .	56,199	3,841	60,040
<i>f)</i> Communication .. .. .	10,078	4,507	14,585
<i>g)</i> Finance and property .. .. .	15,605	6,027	21,632
<i>h)</i> Commerce .. .. .	80,797	35,063	115,860
<i>i)</i> Public authority (N.E.I.) and professional activities .. .. .	57,338	39,567	96,905
<i>j)</i> Amusement, hotels, cafes, personal service, &c. .. .. .	26,731	34,399	61,130
<i>k)</i> Other industries .. .. .	26	19	45
<i>l)</i> Industry inadequately described .. .. .	24,235	5,845	30,080
<i>m)</i> Industry not stated .. .. .	23,437	11,025	34,462
<i>n)</i> Persons not in work force .. .. .	339,269	823,390	1,162,659
Total .. .. .	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701

VICTORIA—OCCUPATIONAL STATUS OF THE POPULATION AT CENSUSES OF  
1933 AND 1947.  
(Subject to revision.)

Occupational Status.	Census, 1933.			Census, 1947.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
In work force—						
At work—						
Employer .. .. .	53,522	7,042	60,564	53,696	7,545	61,241
Self-employed .. .. .	84,969	16,656	101,625	96,689	14,741	111,430
Employee (on wage or salary) .. .. .	331,426	145,072	476,498	498,202	188,491	686,693
Helper (not on wage or salary) .. .. .	12,347	1,913	14,260	7,356	1,138	8,494
Total .. .. .	482,264	170,683	652,947	655,943	211,915	867,858
Not at work ( <i>a</i> ) .. .. .	98,718	21,032	119,750	13,838	4,191	18,029
Total in work force .. .. .	580,982	191,715	772,697	669,781	216,106	885,887
Not in work force .. .. .	321,036	725,023	1,046,059	339,269	823,390	1,162,659
Not stated .. .. .	1,226	279	1,505	4,817	1,338	6,155
Total .. .. .	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701

(*a*) Includes persons who were (1) unable to secure employment, (2) temporarily laid off from their jobs, and (3) not actively seeking work at the time of the Census on account of sickness or accident, industrial dispute, resting between jobs, or for any other reason.

## II.—LABOUR AND INDUSTRIAL.

## VICTORIA—WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

(Thousands.)

Month.	Total Employment.(a)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.							
	Government Employment. (b)	Private Employment.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)	
MALES.											
1933—June ..	73.2	215.4	288.6	4.1	(e)	38.7(g)	42.3	65.3		32.8(f)	
1939—July ..	90.0	267.5	357.5	5.5	128.4	36.4	45.4	75.9		35.9	
1941—July ..	106.8	296.6	403.4	5.8	166.6	40.5	48.4	28.8	34.0	35.1	
1942—June ..	113.8	261.7	375.5	4.6	167.0	29.2	47.4	22.5	27.7	30.3	
1943—June ..	107.0	248.2	355.2	3.7	168.5	16.2	46.0	20.2	24.9	28.1	
1944—June ..	106.5	245.6	352.1	3.4	167.0	16.6	45.5	20.3	26.0	30.0	
1945—August ..	106.2	254.6	360.8	3.6	166.7	21.7	47.3	22.3	28.1	32.1	
1946—June ..	115.2	302.7	417.9	4.4	179.8	32.0	55.0	29.6	37.9	38.1	
1947—June ..	125.9	326.7	452.6	4.5	186.7	38.4	59.8	32.7	43.4	42.4	
1948—January ..	128.9	336.2	465.1	4.6	190.2	40.7	61.5	34.2	45.6	43.7	
February ..	130.6	336.2	466.8	4.7	190.4	41.8	61.4	34.1	45.9	43.7	
March ..	130.4	338.1	468.5	4.7	190.9	42.2	61.7	34.1	45.8	44.4	
April ..	130.9	340.8	471.7	4.7	192.5	41.9	62.1	34.5	46.2	44.5	
May ..	131.2	341.6	472.8	4.7	193.1	42.1	62.3	34.6	46.2	44.4	
June ..	131.7	341.6	473.3	4.8	193.3	42.1	62.4	34.6	46.1	44.4	
FEMALES.											
1933—June ..	13.9	104.3	118.2	..	(e)	0.2	3.3	26.6		36.9(f)	
1939—July ..	16.8	126.1	142.9	0.1	63.9	0.3	3.3	30.8		34.3	
1941—July ..	25.8	160.2	186.0	0.1	79.1	0.4	5.9	29.7	12.1	42.3	
1942—June ..	37.1	161.4	198.5	0.2	82.7	0.5	8.1	29.9	14.4	43.5	
1943—June ..	45.8	159.6	205.4	0.1	86.1	0.5	11.0	28.0	14.2	44.1	
1944—June ..	44.4	153.9	198.3	0.1	82.4	0.5	11.2	26.7	14.4	44.9	
1945—August ..	40.7	151.6	192.3	0.1	79.9	0.5	10.9	26.6	14.6	46.0	
1946—June ..	30.6	153.1	183.7	0.1	75.2	0.6	9.4	27.4	13.9	47.7	
1947—June ..	30.0	160.5	190.5	0.1	77.9	0.7	9.6	28.6	14.5	50.6	
1948—January ..	29.8	162.3	192.1	0.1	77.8	0.8	10.1	29.2	15.0	51.1	
February ..	29.8	165.1	194.9	0.1	79.5	0.8	10.3	29.6	15.2	51.3	
March ..	30.5	166.5	197.0	0.1	80.4	0.8	10.6	29.8	15.3	52.3	
April ..	30.6	166.9	197.5	0.1	80.7	0.8	10.6	29.7	15.4	52.6	
May ..	30.6	165.8	196.4	0.1	79.6	0.8	10.4	29.7	15.4	52.8	
June ..	30.4	166.3	196.7	0.1	79.8	0.8	10.4	29.9	15.4	52.5	
PERSONS											
1933—June ..	87.1	319.7	406.8	4.1	137.1	38.9(g)	45.6	91.9		69.7(f)	
1939—July ..	106.8	393.6	500.4	5.6	192.3	36.7	48.7	106.7		70.2	
1941—July ..	132.6	456.8	589.4	5.9	245.7	40.9	54.3	58.5	46.1	77.4	
1942—June ..	150.9	423.1	574.0	4.8	249.7	29.7	55.5	52.4	42.1	73.8	
1943—June ..	152.8	407.8	560.6	3.8	254.6	16.7	57.0	48.2	39.1	72.2	
1944—June ..	150.9	399.5	550.4	3.5	249.4	17.1	56.7	47.0	40.4	74.9	
1945—August ..	146.9	406.2	553.1	3.7	246.6	22.2	58.2	48.9	42.7	78.1	
1946—June ..	145.8	455.8	601.6	4.5	255.0	32.6	64.4	57.0	51.8	85.8	
1947—June ..	155.9	487.2	643.1	4.6	264.6	39.1	69.4	61.3	57.9	93.0	
1948—January ..	158.7	498.5	657.2	4.7	268.0	41.5	71.6	63.4	60.6	94.8	
February ..	160.4	501.3	661.7	4.8	269.9	42.6	71.7	63.7	61.1	95.0	
March ..	160.9	504.6	665.5	4.8	271.3	43.0	72.3	63.9	61.1	96.7	
April ..	161.5	507.7	669.2	4.8	273.2	42.7	72.7	64.2	61.6	97.1	
May ..	161.8	507.4	669.2	4.8	272.7	42.9	72.7	64.3	61.6	97.2	
June ..	162.1	507.9	670.0	4.9	273.1	42.9	72.8	64.5	61.5	96.9	

(a) Excluding wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private household, and Defence Forces. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. From June, 1945, all figures subject to revision.

(b) Civilian employees of Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Government, and Allied Government Authorities.

(c) From July, 1946, the monthly figures are estimates subject to revision.

(d) Includes Law and Order, Religion, &c., Health, Education, Other Professional Services, Entertainment, &c. and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, &c., *excluding* female private domestic).

(e) Not available.

(f) Includes 2,258 males and 3,009 females "Clerks and Typists, Industry Undefined," so classified at 1933 Census.

(g) Includes 15,218 "Labourers, Industry Undefined," classified to the Building and Construction Industry at 1933 Census.

## VICTORIA—UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were reported out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter; they include sickness but not persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters.

Period.	Trade Unions.		Trade Unions Reporting.		Unemployed in Trade Unions Reporting.	
	Total Number.	Total Membership.	Number.	Membership.	Number.	Percentage.
1938 Year .. ..	147	215,021	79	124,184	10,718	8·6
1939 „ .. ..	149	216,803	78	125,628	13,032	10·4
1940 „ .. ..	147	232,288	77	131,105	7,573	5·8
1941 „ .. ..	146	270,343	79	151,902	3,742	2·5
1942 „ .. ..	142	302,782	79	176,749	2,032	1·2
1943 „ .. ..	142	311,791	77	196,784	1,356	0·7
1944 „ .. ..	141	314,952	77	194,387	1,634	0·8
1945 „ .. ..	139	306,649	77	186,112	1,548	0·9
1946 „ .. ..	138	324,380	75	191,632	2,400	1·3
1947 „ .. ..	137	266,670	74	204,500	2,423	1·2
1932—June Quarter (a) .. ..	..	..	81	117,083	32,395	27·7
1947—March Quarter .. ..	..	..	74	198,772	3,143	1·6
June Quarter .. ..	..	..	74	204,715	2,323	1·1
September Quarter .. ..	..	..	74	207,012	2,471	1·2
December Quarter .. ..	..	..	74	207,499	1,753	0·8
1948—March Quarter .. ..	..	..	74	209,438	1,611	0·8
June Quarter .. ..	..	..	74	209,455	1,742	0·8

(a) Peak of unemployment.

*Note.*—The unions covered by the returns, which are furnished to the Commonwealth Statistician, represent about 60 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 20 and 25 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

VICTORIA—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION. (a)  
(Adult Males.)

Payable as from the Beginning of First Pay Period in—	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warnambool.	Five Towns—Weighted Average.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
September, 1939 ..	81 0	77 0	76 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
November, 1946 ..	99 0	95 0	96 0	97 0	99 0	99 0
December, 1946 ..	106 0	101 0	102 0	104 0	106 0	106 0
February, 1947 ..	107 0	101 0	103 0	104 0	107 0	106 0
May, 1947 ..	107 0	102 0	103 0	106 0	107 0	107 0
August, 1947 ..	108 0	104 0	104 0	107 0	108 0	108 0
November, 1947 ..	109 0	104 0	105 0	108 0	109 0	109 0
February, 1948 ..	113 0	108 0	108 0	111 0	112 0	112 0
May, 1948 ..	115 0	110 0	111 0	113 0	114 0	114 0
August, 1948 ..	117 0	112 0	112 0	115 0	116 0	116 0

(a) "Court" Series Index-Numbers. Includes "prosperity loadings" (6s. per week).

*Note.*—For information relating to the basic wage payable in a specified industry, reference should be made to the Court Award or the State Wages Board Determination or the Award or Determination of any Special Industrial Tribunal appointed to deal with wages and conditions in respect of that industry.

## III.—PRICE INDEXES.

VICTORIA—ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS (COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING—4 AND 5 ROOMS, CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS).

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities of Australia, 1923-27=1,000.)

Period.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnam- bool.	Five Towns— Weighted Average.
November 1914 ..	671	..	..	..	..	..
.. 1921 ..	1,003	992	1,002	1,019	1,034	1,003
Year 1932 ..	813	776	808	794	838	811
.. 1939 ..	924	874	875	911	918	920
.. 1940 ..	964	906	920	941	954	960
.. 1941 ..	1,008	950	963	984	998	1,004
.. 1942 ..	1,100	1,037	1,054	1,065	1,078	1,095
.. 1943 ..	1,139	1,084	1,096	1,110	1,126	1,135
.. 1944 ..	1,135	1,083	1,101	1,112	1,129	1,131
.. 1945 ..	1,135	1,086	1,099	1,113	1,139	1,131
.. 1946 ..	1,149	1,094	1,107	1,124	1,153	1,145
.. 1947 ..	1,188	1,132	1,141	1,170	1,186	1,184
1946—March Quarter	1,141	1,089	1,101	1,117	1,146	1,137
June Quarter	1,150	1,094	1,105	1,126	1,154	1,146
September Qr.	1,149	1,095	1,107	1,121	1,152	1,145
December Qr.	1,157	1,096	1,114	1,132	1,159	1,153
1947—March Quarter	1,159	1,104	1,118	1,144	1,164	1,156
June Quarter	1,175	1,123	1,130	1,161	1,175	1,171
September Qr.	1,189	1,132	1,139	1,170	1,185	1,185
December Qr.	1,227	1,170	1,177	1,203	1,219	1,223
1948—March Quarter	1,249	1,199	1,206	1,233	1,240	1,246
June Quarter	1,272	1,222	1,222	1,256	1,266	1,268

Note.—The above index has been computed by the Commonwealth Statistician.

## MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The index of wholesale prices was first computed by the Commonwealth Statistician in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 87 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual *Labour Report*, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician, will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. A new wholesale price index, covering basic materials and foodstuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated, and comparative index-numbers back to 1928-29 are published in the next statement.



## MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base : 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agri-cultural Produce, &c.	Dairy Produce.	Groceries.	Meat.	Building Materials.	Chemicals.	All Groups.
1861 Year ..	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,538
1871 " ..	1,096	1,257	1,236	864	1,586	..	1,044	1,409	1,220
1881 " ..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,091	1,587	1,121
1891 " ..	895	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901 " ..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1911 " ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1921 " ..	2,173	1,362	1,767	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1931 " ..	1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,794	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,428
1939 " ..	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1941 " ..	1,960	1,402	1,721	1,554	1,884	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942 " ..	2,146	1,507	1,900	1,665	1,938	2,312	3,409	2,437	1,977
1943 " ..	2,272	1,945	1,964	1,716	1,939	2,366	3,764	2,442	2,117
1944 " ..	2,278	1,967	2,052	1,721	1,949	2,470	3,768	2,442	2,159
1945 " ..	2,270	1,960	2,259	1,726	1,967	2,560	3,770	2,527	2,228
1946 " ..	2,262	2,062	1,950	1,722	1,977	2,589	3,772	2,614	2,163
1947 " ..	2,390	2,690	2,019	1,763	2,174	2,748	3,800	2,843	2,360

## WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index by the Commonwealth Statistician has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices published in the foregoing statement. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats, and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Goods Principally Imported. (a)	Goods Principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29 Year ..	1,269	1,064	1,288	1,214	1,148	948	1,070	911	1,183	1,103
1931-32 " ..	1,081	1,134	765	1,195	738	951	857	996	932	946
1938-39 " ..	1,025	1,004	815	1,011	925	970	1,029	991	1,020	1,011
1940-41 " ..	1,074	1,374	1,105	1,236	1,256	1,284	1,069	1,325	1,060	1,140
1941-42 " ..	1,173	1,509	1,184	1,372	1,350	1,352	1,169	1,525	1,123	1,242
1942-43 " ..	1,288	1,667	1,471	1,422	1,379	1,628	1,279	1,760	1,212	1,373
1943-44 " ..	1,310	1,695	1,501	1,432	1,398	1,743	1,287	1,824	1,217	1,396
1944-45 " ..	1,307	1,676	1,518	1,428	1,398	1,747	1,308	1,819	1,232	1,405
1945-46 " ..	1,302	1,561	1,518	1,416	1,398	1,766	1,344	1,782	1,254	1,410
1946-47 " ..	1,318	1,453	1,913	1,402	1,313	1,802	1,378	1,768	1,286	1,429
1947-48 " ..	1,460	1,607	2,853	1,478	1,262	1,892	1,530	1,925	1,446	1,587
1946-47—										
July ..	1,300	1,519	1,523	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,356	1,766	1,265	1,413
April ..	1,340	1,440	2,065	1,391	1,312	1,841	1,418	1,797	1,317	1,459
May ..	1,350	1,447	2,101	1,391	1,229	1,841	1,424	1,804	1,321	1,463
June ..	1,350	1,448	2,145	1,412	1,172	1,843	1,436	1,818	1,327	1,470
1947-48—										
July ..	1,353	1,519	2,136	1,412	1,149	1,845	1,438	1,832	1,335	1,481
August ..	1,353	1,536	2,430	1,412	1,149	1,847	1,439	1,857	1,340	1,492
September ..	1,358	1,578	2,522	1,424	1,216	1,847	1,452	1,891	1,350	1,509
October ..	1,359	1,578	2,589	1,434	1,216	1,855	1,484	1,922	1,366	1,529
November ..	1,392	1,578	2,813	1,434	1,296	1,894	1,514	1,948	1,401	1,562
December ..	1,510	1,632	2,805	1,434	1,294	1,902	1,537	1,955	1,453	1,601
January ..	1,513	1,616	3,059	1,526	1,307	1,908	1,565	1,931	1,498	1,625
February ..	1,513	1,616	3,156	1,529	1,315	1,916	1,585	1,936	1,515	1,639
March ..	1,513	1,654	3,023	1,529	1,266	1,912	1,568	1,953	1,509	1,639
April ..	1,514	1,659	3,034	1,532	1,265	1,916	1,586	1,954	1,512	1,641
May ..	1,571	1,659	3,229	1,532	1,319	1,929	1,586	1,962	1,529	1,657
June ..	1,571	1,659	3,434	1,533	1,346	1,938	1,585	1,963	1,539	1,663

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.



# IV.—COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICES AND REPATRIATION BENEFITS IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Pensioners at End of Period.		Widows Pensions (b) in Force at End of Period.		Maternity Allowances (c) Granted During Period.	Child Endowment (e)	
	Age.	Invalid.	Main- taining a Child.	Not Main- taining a Child.		Claims Current at End of Period.	Endowed Children at End of Period.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1913-14 Year ..	27,150	4,844	..	..	(d)	..	..
1920-21 ..	30,385	11,174	..	..	36,778	..	..
1930-31 ..	49,999	19,925	..	..	32,241	..	..
1938-39 ..	(a)67,896	(a)19,471	..	..	20,819	..	..
1940-41 ..	76,371	12,447	..	..	19,150	..	..
1941-42 ..	75,240	12,550	..	..	16,120	124,463	219,680
1942-43 ..	72,102	11,938	3,574	7,136	11,874	124,986	218,551
1943-44 ..	69,156	12,446	3,684	8,283	38,653	128,381	220,884
1944-45 ..	67,240	12,598	3,575	9,039	40,582	131,526	224,146
1945-46 ..	69,308	13,599	3,565	9,183	40,991	135,377	229,982
1946-47 ..	74,770	14,673	3,732	8,579	50,730	141,826	240,810
1947-48 ..	78,057	15,165	4,010	7,249	46,027	148,249	251,145

(a) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the age pensions list.

(b) Commenced from 1st July, 1942.

(c) The income restrictions imposed in 1931 and 1932 and modified in 1934, 1936, and 1937 were abolished as from 1st July, 1943.

(d) Not available.

(e) Commenced from 1st July, 1941. Particulars exclude endowed children in approved institutions.

Period.	Unemployment Benefits.(a)				Sickness Benefits.(a)			
	Entrances During Period.		On Benefit at End of Period.		Entrances During Period.		On Benefit at End of Period.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945-46 Year ..	2,632	63	564	15	8,246	1,923	1,387	403
1946-47 Year ..	15,645	542	641	26	11,226	3,324	1,819	649
1947-48—								
July ..	224	14	340	17	1,342	443	1,869	716
August ..	175	14	271	15	1,418	460	1,918	772
September ..	104	9	189	10	1,131	324	1,947	737
October ..	68	4	153	8	1,033	390	1,884	780
November ..	74	4	117	7	1,216	386	1,746	703
December ..	48	4	119	7	704	285	1,718	731
January ..	58	5	96	7	995	340	1,690	690
February ..	49	..	76	4	873	362	1,697	760
March (b) ..	43	..	72	2	831	314	1,703	779
April (b) ..	28	2	63	3	884	327	1,735	790
May (b) ..	45	1	59	4	1,107	350	1,754	778

(a) Commenced from 1st July, 1945.

(b) Subject to revision

Period.	War Pensions.				Service Pensions.(a)	
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Members of Forces.	Dependants of Members of Forces.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
At 30th June—						
1921 .. ..	26,053	15,410	33,338	74,801	..	..
1931 .. ..	25,066	10,994	60,142	96,202	..	..
1939 .. ..	25,569	8,412	48,264	82,245	1,876	1,330
1941 .. ..	25,107	7,977	41,036	74,120	2,092	1,353
1942 .. ..	25,375	8,493	38,435	72,303	3,034	1,462
1943 .. ..	25,921	9,251	36,583	71,755	2,105	1,204
1944 .. ..	27,552	10,114	35,802	73,468	2,071	1,193
1945 .. ..	30,138	10,755	37,334	78,227	2,145	1,148
1946 .. ..	36,020	13,157	43,849	93,026	2,296	1,106
1947 .. ..	39,711	13,167	48,101	100,979	2,589	1,134
1948 .. ..	41,931	13,285	51,648	106,864	2,793	1,192

(a) Commenced from 1st January, 1936.

*Note.*—Particulars are inclusive of war pensions in respect of 1914–1918 War and of service pensions in respect of the South African War and 1914–1918 War.

## V.—SHIPPING AND COMMERCE.

## VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING : VESSELS AND TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.

Period.	Oversea.				Interstate (a).		Total.	
	Direct.		Via Other States.					
	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.
<i>Entered.</i>								
1938–39 Year ..	188	'000 686	548	'000 3,100	2,243	'000 4,751	2,979	'000 8,537
1945–46 „ ..	172	798	166	873	1,104	1,815	1,442	3,486
1946–47 „ ..	196	896	274	1,381	1,208	2,564	1,678	4,841
1946–47—								
September Quarter ..	46	188	62	337	293	616	401	1,141
December Quarter ..	60	301	62	310	302	646	424	1,257
March Quarter ..	47	203	69	361	306	639	422	1,203
June Quarter ..	43	204	81	373	307	663	431	1,240
1947–48—								
September Quarter ..	48	219	100	476	297	630	445	1,325
December Quarter ..	56	249	96	497	305	682	457	1,428
March Quarter ..	62	265	105	527	300	650	467	1,442
<i>Cleared.</i>								
1938–39 .. ..	195	'000 757	495	'000 2,886	2,299	'000 4,837	2,989	'000 8,480
1945–46 .. ..	171	839	137	598	1,126	2,045	1,434	3,482
1946–47 .. ..	182	823	269	1,294	1,207	2,687	1,658	4,804
1946–47—								
September Quarter ..	40	175	55	269	297	653	392	1,097
December Quarter ..	51	246	60	288	314	759	425	1,293
March Quarter ..	45	195	68	341	309	649	422	1,185
June Quarter ..	46	207	86	396	287	626	419	1,229
1947–48—								
September Quarter ..	41	175	71	342	312	738	424	1,255
December Quarter ..	50	232	88	403	307	764	445	1,399
March Quarter ..	64	273	81	406	318	748	463	1,427

(a) Includes oversea vessels on interstate voyages.

*Note.*—The statement excludes particulars of vessels exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

**OVERSEA TRADE—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.**

Period.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
<b>IMPORTS.</b>			
	£	£	£
<b>BRITISH CURRENCY.</b>			
Year ended 30th June—			
1939 .. .. .	35,015,419	439,917	35,455,336
1945 .. .. .	64,507,613	260,929	64,768,542
1946 .. .. .	53,952,607	95,742	54,048,349
1947 .. .. .	66,951,339	120,386	67,071,725
<b>AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.</b>			
1948 (a) .. .. .	120,618,217	96,919	120,715,136
<b>EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY).</b>			
	£	£	£
Year ended 30th June—			
1939 .. .. .	28,387,611	2,431,401	30,819,012
1945 .. .. .	40,070,161	..	40,070,161 <sup>(b)</sup>
1946 .. .. .	49,505,101	26,411,264	75,916,365
1947 .. .. .	88,601,624	9,734	88,611,358
1948 (a) .. .. .	114,747,573	605,844	115,353,417

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Exclusive of Victoria's portion (which is not available) of exports on Government account estimated for Australia at £A.2,000,000 in 1944-45.

**VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).**

(As a result of an amendment to the *Customs Act* 1901-1936, the basis of valuation of imports for duty was varied on the 15th November, 1947. Prior to that date imports were valued in British Currency and represented the F.O.B. value at Port of Shipment plus the statutory ten per centum imposed for value for duty purposes. From 15th November, 1947, the statutory ten per centum was eliminated and all imports were valued in Australian Currency, the value for duty of imports therefore represents the F.O.B. Value at Port of Shipment. All import values shown in the following tables for 1947-48 are expressed on the revised basis of valuation in Australian Currency F.O.B. at Port of Shipment.)

Article.	Quarter Ended 30th June—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1947.	1948.	1947.	1948.
	British Currency.	Australian Currency.	British Currency.	Australian Currency.
<b>CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—</b>	£	£	£	£
Fish .. .. .	196,047	221,129	353,219	825,786
Other Animal Foodstuffs .. .. .	32,089	124,109	156,106	314,742
Total, Class I. .. .. .	228,136	345,238	509,325	1,140,528

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO  
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 30th June—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1947.	1948.	1947.	1948.
	British Currency.	Australian Currency.	British Currency.	Australian Currency.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.—	£	£	£	£
Nuts, Edible .. .. .	68,644	103,400	171,722	373,505
Spices .. .. .	41,810	22,167	145,831	188,387
Coffee and Chicory .. .. .	46,233	24,674	145,969	107,079
Tea .. .. .	592,037	1,193,931	2,019,414	3,904,171
Cocoa and Chocolate .. .. .	58,905	489,208	284,962	779,873
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs, &c. ..	100,686	137,670	217,442	490,427
Total, Class II. .. .. .	908,315	1,971,050	2,985,340	5,843,442
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS .. .. .	27,084	48,533	78,229	165,556
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF .. .. .	568,255	442,280	1,385,035	2,774,333
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS .. .. .	22,068	38,046	117,819	137,644
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS—				
Hides and Skins .. .. .	130,400	100,780	766,057	655,213
Wool .. .. .	145,969	68,267	295,249	509,763
Silk, Raw .. .. .	263,973	59,094	531,266	406,749
Other Animal Substances .. .. .	100,290	56,219	252,715	250,002
Total, Class VI. .. .. .	640,632	284,360	1,845,287	1,821,727
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—				
Seeds .. .. .	50,280	123,927	488,645	379,159
Fibres .. .. .	424,395	599,171	1,642,579	2,469,185
Gums, Resins, and Balsams .. .. .	114,415	47,943	292,254	266,136
Cork and Cork Manufactures .. .. .	27,960	26,626	104,835	154,485
Plastic Materials (except Fibres) ..	169,555	122,823	519,218	973,640
Other Vegetable Substances .. .. .	127,252	97,215	338,936	421,545
Total, Class VII. .. .. .	913,857	1,017,705	3,386,467	4,664,150
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—				
Yarns .. .. .	473,066	1,508,206	1,896,337	4,840,578
Manufactured Fibres .. .. .	617,832	508,164	1,584,947	3,567,496
Textiles—				
Piece Goods .. .. .	2,989,913	4,934,303	9,491,488	20,130,349
Other .. .. .	456,538	1,343,553	1,705,770	3,923,069
Apparel .. .. .	474,314	1,008,402	1,348,502	3,245,511
Total, Class VIII. .. .. .	5,011,663	9,302,628	16,027,044	35,707,003
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—				
Petroleum and Shale Oils—				
Petroleum .. .. .	582,480	1,281,581	2,408,741	4,675,538
Kerosene .. .. .	119,514	167,944	429,623	983,869
Residual .. .. .	221,307	460,176	842,602	1,480,385
Lubricating (Mineral) .. .. .	302,105	112,121	810,086	1,126,065
Other .. .. .	87,838	85,079	247,848	445,732
Other Oils, Fats, and Waxes .. .. .	116,949	230,362	467,174	1,407,209
Total, Class IX. .. .. .	1,430,193	2,337,263	5,206,074	10,118,798



VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO  
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 30th June—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1947.	1948.	1947.	1948.
	British Currency.	Australian Currency.	British Currency.	Australian Currency.
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES .. .. .	£ 83,771	£ 180,602	£ 377,771	£ 594,279
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC. ..	185,605	160,841	674,615	728,278
CLASS XII.(a)—METALS AND MANU- FACTURES—				
Iron and Steel—				
Plate and Sheet .. .. .	828,499	1,092,679	2,368,645	3,342,974
Other .. .. .	60,150	75,863	203,521	327,407
Tools of Trade .. .. .	96,141	196,873	312,754	707,045
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and Parts .. .. .	201,831	413,683	1,516,681	1,233,382
Motor Cars, &c.—				
Complete .. .. .	15,100	36,828	118,890	97,522
Bodies, Chassis, and Parts ..	1,225,718	2,918,368	4,792,934	7,601,058
Other Vehicles and Parts ..	120,508	383,655	440,769	1,123,465
Other Metals and Manufactures ..	516,482	900,420	1,754,556	3,382,601
Total, Class XII.(a) ..	3,064,429	6,018,369	11,508,750	17,815,454
CLASS XII.(b)—DYNAMO ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES, EQUIP- MENT, ETC.—				
Dynamo Electrical Machinery ..	85,193	210,755	293,402	640,329
Wireless (Radio) Equipment ..	24,168	20,724	91,229	120,431
Other Electrical Machinery, &c. ..	279,068	691,507	991,768	1,978,296
Total, Class XII.(b) ..	388,429	922,986	1,376,399	2,739,056
CLASS XII.(c)—MACHINES AND MACHINERY (EXCEPT DYNAMO ELECTRICAL)—				
Motive Power Machinery and Appliances .. .. .	784,794	872,218	2,340,762	3,266,337
Metal Working Machinery and Appliances .. .. .	332,334	617,599	687,527	2,087,673
Roller and Ball Bearings .. ..	72,277	267,697	213,965	785,936
Other Machines and Machinery ..	862,997	1,518,641	2,600,480	4,873,954
Total, Class XII.(c) ..	2,052,402	3,276,155	5,842,734	11,013,900
Total, Class XII. .. ..	5,505,260	10,217,510	18,727,883	31,568,410
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF—				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Mas- ticated, &c. .. .. .	366,971	452,182	1,538,446	1,466,227
Rubber Manufactures—				
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other ..	11,919	55,868	130,478	132,366
Elastics .. .. .	109,025	106,436	232,393	386,335
Other .. .. .	49,619	99,941	176,252	315,184
Leather and Leather Manufactures ..	17,686	72,095	55,044	224,836
Total, Class XIII. .. ..	555,220	786,522	2,132,613	2,524,948
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER—				
Timber .. .. .	346,386	551,988	764,182	1,360,036
Other Wood and Wicker .. ..	35,141	54,301	110,759	194,145
Total, Class XIV. .. ..	381,527	606,289	874,941	1,554,181



VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO  
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 30th June—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1947.	1948.	1947.	1948.
	British Currency.	Australian Currency.	British Currency.	Australian Currency.
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE—	£	£	£	£
Glass and Glassware .. ..	167,749	265,180	387,794	1,047,361
Crockery and Household Ware ..	114,948	300,758	371,031	889,330
Other Earthenware, &c. .. ..	36,359	130,561	134,126	275,131
Total, Class XV. .. ..	319,056	696,499	892,951	2,211,822
CLASS XVI.(a)—PULP, PAPER, AND BOARD—				
Pulp for Papermaking .. ..	21,951	54,289	444,301	1,044,279
Paper—				
Printing .. ..	417,243	417,072	1,416,939	2,595,373
Writing and Typewriting .. ..	91,164	340,752	453,099	1,019,609
Wrapping .. ..	84,583	241,637	398,705	772,241
Other .. ..	72,683	182,615	254,354	657,108
Millboards and Other Boards ..	66,905	122,893	152,378	531,175
Total, Class XVI.(a) .. ..	754,529	1,359,258	3,119,776	6,619,785
CLASS XVI.(b)—PAPER MANUFACTURES AND STATIONERY—				
Books (printed), Directories, &c. ..	175,506	245,175	720,239	965,670
Other Stationery, &c. .. ..	261,103	240,377	586,246	1,117,655
Total, Class XVI.(b) .. ..	436,609	485,552	1,306,485	2,083,325
Total, Class XVI. .. ..	1,191,138	1,844,810	4,426,261	8,703,110
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES—				
Fancy Goods, including Sporting Materials and Toys .. ..	123,671	143,769	444,703	555,942
Jewellery .. ..	46,545	113,681	256,342	453,134
Timepieces .. ..	79,620	114,013	273,471	478,497
Total, Class XVII. .. ..	249,836	371,463	974,516	1,487,573
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS .. ..	212,412	318,388	737,544	1,093,543
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS—				
Drugs and Chemicals .. ..	634,291	759,600	2,172,764	2,911,186
Fertilizers .. ..	147,747	132,849	780,470	735,486
Total, Class XIX. .. ..	782,038	892,449	2,953,234	3,646,672
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS—				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives ..	97,186	209,538	418,529	582,865
Bags, Baskets, &c. .. ..	22,979	30,070	83,416	118,475
Brushware .. ..	24,864	28,412	85,687	117,831
Outside Packages .. ..	370,285	616,790	1,259,417	2,231,684
All Other Articles .. ..	248,352	298,531	777,987	1,081,365
Total, Class XX. .. ..	763,666	1,183,341	2,625,036	4,132,220
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER : BRONZE SPECIE .. ..	19,071	55,117	120,386	96,919
Grand Total .. ..	19,998,803	33,100,934	67,058,371	120,715,136

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM  
VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).  
(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Quarter Ended 30th June—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1947.	1948.	1947.	1948.
	£	£	£	£
<b>CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—</b>				
Meats—				
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef .. .. .	56,660	34,049	445,946	137,160
Lamb .. .. .	44,608	69,531	2,576,358	2,558,208
Mutton .. .. .	19,622	62,532	486,341	213,859
Pork .. .. .	20,432	14,186	169,480	73,765
Poultry .. .. .	107,852	182,979	221,147	595,112
Rabbits and Hares .. .. .	267,067	509,222	528,825	1,353,986
Other .. .. .	13,255	43,287	137,913	202,609
Preserved in Tins .. .. .	500,473	495,626	2,061,345	1,525,842
Sausage Casings .. .. .	51,143	86,924	271,727	329,684
Other .. .. .	78,025	44,499	219,319	177,237
Butter .. .. .	1,200,167	1,114,435	7,766,346	8,608,629
Cheese .. .. .	423,038	456,425	1,430,698	1,697,685
Eggs .. .. .	369,229	251,176	1,125,612	1,565,438
Honey .. .. .	142,927	55,902	308,379	271,178
Milk and Cream .. .. .	591,990	678,307	2,733,230	2,961,437
Other Animal Foodstuffs .. .. .	81,061	63,938	426,557	401,027
Total, Class I. .. .. .	3,967,549	4,163,018	20,909,223	22,672,856
<b>CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN ; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.—</b>				
Grains and Cereals—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat .. .. .	257	5,570,357	312,072	11,626,097
Millet .. .. .	6,422	336	66,514	58,169
Other .. .. .	161,129	952,858	178,617	1,610,381
Prepared—				
Barley, pearl and scotch .. .. .	21,350	116,775	157,068	474,500
Rice .. .. .	15,618	37,180	146,591	284,654
Flour (Wheaten) .. .. .	3,100,368	3,408,784	7,025,624	11,653,993
Oatmeal and Rolled Oats .. .. .	24,627	150,472	401,159	478,760
Other .. .. .	58,950	249,705	311,752	848,458
Macaroni and Vermicelli .. .. .	30,927	26,557	93,761	94,506
Biscuits .. .. .	3,218	602	53,966	14,638
Other .. .. .	2,309	413	8,374	2,465
Vegetables—				
Potatoes, Fresh .. .. .	64,372	73,650	137,602	211,202
Potatoes, Dried .. .. .	5,981	..	61,546	1,324
Peas .. .. .	26,259	98,267	144,968	182,077
Preserved in liquid and pulped .. .. .	30,346	80,233	170,988	369,548
Other .. .. .	39,017	150,815	70,878	366,104
Fruits—				
Fresh .. .. .	218,243	391,256	477,743	657,620
Dried .. .. .	660,648	561,574	1,682,138	1,554,839
Preserved in liquid .. .. .	619,796	455,414	1,368,813	1,843,754
Pulped .. .. .	18,780	394	57,781	30,020
Jams and Jellies .. .. .	328,533	197,849	906,725	926,448
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs .. .. .	312,493	485,238	1,180,700	1,197,443
Total, Class II. .. .. .	5,749,643	13,008,729	15,015,380	34,487,000
<b>CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS .. .. .</b>				
	62,838	75,081	445,355	335,380

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM  
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 30th June—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1947.	1948.	1947.	1948.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF .. .. .	1,049	790	5,333	16,234
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS .. ..	41,701	21,917	154,306	77,812
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS—				
Hides and Skins—				
Rabbit and Hare .. .. .	309,471	270,221	2,020,950	1,786,345
Calf, Cattle, and Horse .. ..	28,231	55,603	67,295	103,680
Sheep .. .. .	583,444	662,268	3,550,140	3,314,618
Other .. .. .	3,815	658	103,204	24,375
Wool—				
Greasy .. .. .	6,383,131	9,926,532	20,799,838	29,605,003
Scoured, Tops, and Waste .. ..	2,703,009	2,182,668	8,816,765	9,380,017
Other Animal Substances .. ..	7,512	13,644	21,105	42,661
Total, Class VI. .. ..	10,018,613	13,111,594	35,379,297	44,256,699
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—				
Fibres .. .. .	55,254	77,464	373,602	249,610
Other Vegetable Substances .. ..	72,523	68,399	181,142	207,462
Total, Class VII. .. ..	127,777	145,863	554,744	457,072
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES, AND APPAREL—				
Yarns and Manufactured Fibres .. ..	220,099	238,160	924,875	1,401,140
Textiles .. .. .	266,978	206,392	2,288,343	1,422,147
Apparel .. .. .	200,301	79,318	1,641,670	533,044
Total, Class VIII. .. ..	687,378	523,870	4,854,888	3,356,331
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—				
Tallow, inedible .. .. .	30,003	49,431	94,682	195,140
Other Oils, Fats, and Waxes .. ..	59,152	131,629	246,875	372,492
Total, Class IX. .. ..	89,155	181,060	341,557	567,632
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES .. .. .	13,660	6,336	43,075	33,067
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC. ..	98,660	96,545	522,241	436,362
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANU- FACTURES AND MACHINERY—				
Metals and Metal Manufactures (except Electrical) .. .. .	804,031	381,720	3,432,315	2,058,243
Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances .. .. .	83,308	41,765	258,919	272,492
Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical) .. .. .	505,084	388,408	1,525,026	1,877,983
Total, Class XII. .. ..	1,392,423	811,893	5,216,260	4,208,718

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM  
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 30th June—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1947.	1948.	1947.	1948.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF—				
Rubber and Rubber Manufactures ..	29,662	10,393	343,692	176,565
Leather and Leather Manufactures ..	294,459	190,192	1,276,901	909,052
Total, Class XIII. ..	324,121	200,585	1,620,593	1,085,617
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER ..	12,024	26,888	45,145	69,813
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE ..	15,570	12,178	66,775	72,607
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY—				
Pulp, Paper, and Board .. ..	16,250	9,744	103,434	41,845
Paper Manufactures and Stationery ..	62,535	62,348	240,462	225,549
Total, Class XVI. .. ..	78,785	72,092	343,896	267,394
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES .. ..	31,830	30,274	144,924	117,812
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS .. ..	67,049	86,702	203,781	306,143
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS—				
Soap .. .. .	13,480	1,628	156,249	19,856
Fertilizers .. .. .	70	1,280	694	1,574
Other Drugs and Chemicals ..	447,273	204,641	1,678,293	1,064,360
Total, Class XIX. .. ..	460,823	207,549	1,835,236	1,085,790
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS—				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives ..	18,993	25,260	121,494	217,465
Personal and Household Effects ..	97,926	40,519	276,928	176,650
All Other Articles .. ..	102,662	90,958	501,193	443,119
Total, Class XX. .. ..	219,581	156,737	899,615	837,234
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE .. ..	280	500	9,734	605,844
Australian Produce .. ..	23,284,322	32,679,499	88,000,886	113,591,970
Other Produce .. ..	176,187	260,702	610,472	1,761,447
Grand Total .. ..	23,460,509	32,940,201	88,611,358	115,353,417



## VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES.

Imports of Products or Manufactures of—	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1946.	1947.	1948 (a)
	British Currency Values—			Australian Currency Values—
	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom .. .. .	14,540,751	21,915,973	25,089,477	48,651,320
Africa, British East .. .. .	36,197	325,498	242,735	180,601
Borneo (British) .. .. .	12,458	17,283	102,034	226,772
Burma .. .. .	6,662	97	5,233	2,173
Canada .. .. .	2,665,240	2,713,155	4,737,880	5,247,007
Ceylon .. .. .	213,320	2,265,887	2,118,909	3,360,268
Hong Kong .. .. .	7,251	1,841	21,146	68,876
India .. .. .	793,488	3,312,927	5,141,487	8,023,180
Malaya, Federation of .. .. .	485,251	2,582	1,279,279	1,688,402
Mauritius .. .. .	51	..	..	73
New Zealand .. .. .	991,983	1,118,320	1,547,143	1,466,204
Pacific Islands (British) .. .. .	671,247	3,925	47,287	198,607
Palestine .. .. .	7,245	52,177	22,067	16,522
Singapore .. .. .	(a)	(a)	(a)	99,639
South African Union .. .. .	84,676	308,893	642,887	1,194,076
Other British Possessions .. .. .	168,286	660,769	1,080,359	1,637,583
Bahrein Islands .. .. .	256,517	328,675	1,323,315	1,759,779
Belgium .. .. .	353,216	45,289	501,783	1,721,614
China .. .. .	140,900	8,782	349,900	440,566
Denmark .. .. .	18,585	4,590	13,610	30,219
Egypt .. .. .	70,436	334,964	375,342	280,212
France .. .. .	394,105	9,001	542,005	1,206,450
Germany .. .. .	1,537,847	9,857	110,685	379,511
Iran .. .. .	382,568	1,965,770	2,173,796	3,153,480
Italy .. .. .	257,160	2,839	821,855	985,008
Japan .. .. .	1,716,486	588	535,471	653,524
Mexico .. .. .	2,840	16,318	25,412	55,254
Netherlands .. .. .	209,945	1,518	142,371	853,373
Netherlands Indies (Indonesia) .. .. .	2,044,057	29,583	55,608	938,918
Norway .. .. .	143,595	11,092	183,890	1,099,800
Soviet Union .. .. .	74,261	3,506	8,021	46,123
Sweden .. .. .	459,959	283,984	642,625	1,985,917
Switzerland .. .. .	406,975	316,495	402,970	743,307
United States of America .. .. .	4,792,784	15,972,840	14,227,684	27,039,822
Other Foreign Countries .. .. .	763,917	1,057,031	1,071,504	2,905,154
Country not stated .. .. .	..	125,532	226,538	144,118
Total (excluding Outside Packages) ..	34,710,259	53,227,581	65,812,308	118,483,452

(a) Included in "Malaya, Federation of".



VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES—*continued*.

Exports to—	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1946.	1947.	1948 (a)
	Australian Currency Values—			
	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom .. .. .	15,266,925	39,288,645	28,247,445	42,730,751
Africa, British East .. .. .	2,625	44,640	106,331	142,178
Borneo (British) .. .. .	3,958	229,883	246,919	135,307
Burma .. .. .	22,727	18,551	411,685	686,479
Canada .. .. .	492,839	1,516,156	1,911,946	1,668,803
Ceylon .. .. .	144,742	2,413,350	3,194,920	3,573,898
Hong Kong .. .. .	164,238	1,081,189	2,416,678	2,913,620
India .. .. .	342,958	7,242,324	4,121,914	10,105,130
Malaya, Federation of .. .. .	618,214	1,913,222	6,060,455	3,494,769
Mauritius .. .. .	64,568	296,185	1,248,577	915,134
New Zealand .. .. .	1,906,752	2,173,421	3,878,968	4,463,174
Pacific Islands (British) .. .. .	255,695	487,945	203,818	283,523
Palestine .. .. .	4,232	556,832	1,020,895	2,531,792
Singapore .. .. .	(a)	(a)	(a)	2,209,294
South African Union .. .. .	500,433	617,960	1,740,089	904,811
Other British Possessions .. .. .	212,421	88,382	832,505	1,965,551
Bahrein Islands .. .. .	948	2,796	22,990	31,966
Belgium .. .. .	654,276	1,274,219	3,241,045	2,820,569
China .. .. .	576,750	160,558	1,804,416	1,011,869
Denmark .. .. .	16,796	119,207	607,763	584,069
Egypt .. .. .	73,572	841,361	1,959,388	2,111,360
France .. .. .	2,167,616	2,601,313	4,366,040	7,304,353
Germany .. .. .	450,788	..	83,732	1,141,279
Iran .. .. .	26	43,703	256,368	150,468
Italy .. .. .	272,391	134,535	2,580,989	3,285,383
Japan .. .. .	1,690,971	24,477	164,347	350,796
Mexico .. .. .	35,134	456,080	439,561	150,789
Netherlands .. .. .	149,453	114,922	505,013	473,677
Netherlands Indies (Indonesia) .. .. .	613,570	314,531	30,266	5,813
Norway .. .. .	17,963	15,215	153,686	157,093
Soviet Union .. .. .	..	351,657	262,635	2,027,568
Sweden .. .. .	171,354	257,510	1,021,286	944,797
Switzerland .. .. .	4,002	38,647	305,312	307,330
United States of America .. .. .	3,378,036	9,371,224	12,785,014	10,650,290
Other Foreign Countries .. .. .	542,039	647,297	2,376,937	2,414,284
Country not stated .. .. .	..	1,178,428	1,425	705,450
Total .. .. .	30,819,012	75,916,365	88,611,358	115,353,417

(a) Included in "Malaya, Federation of".

# QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Commodity.				Year Ended 30th June—			
				1945.	1946.	1947.	1948 (a)
Wool—							
Greasy .. ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	134,674,426 10,504,923	122,598,522 9,718,556	193,595,564 20,799,838	172,361,720 29,605,003
Scoured and Washed ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	18,376,296 2,149,169	17,577,493 2,421,215	44,391,722 6,658,839	40,605,587 7,247,658
Tops, Noils, and Waste	..	..	.. { lb. £	9,878,048 1,959,552	8,557,169 2,110,684	9,845,839 2,157,926	8,939,815 2,132,359
Butter .. ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	50,340,413 4,381,131	57,714,740 5,116,989	82,594,500 7,766,346	82,259,802 8,608,629
Wheat .. ..	..	..	.. { centals £	22,943 10,349	144 122	410,976 312,072	7,935,448 11,626,097
Flour (wheaten) ..	..	..	.. { centals £	2,973,159 1,689,926	2,556,857 2,897,017	4,429,523 7,025,624	5,913,322 11,653,993
Fruits—							
Dried .. ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	106,270,439 2,025,967	63,089,291 1,393,976	70,682,940 1,682,138	63,918,567 1,554,839
Fresh .. ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	7,270,800 143,913	17,666,700 297,547	19,131,200 477,743	32,171,900 657,620
Preserved in Liquid ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	9,921,572 183,678	23,545,821 518,786	45,197,285 1,368,813	60,326,484 1,843,754
Meats—							
Beef (frozen) ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	8,457,401 237,049	1,212,459 37,622	17,909,891 445,946	4,121,732 137,160
Lamb (frozen) ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	62,345,457 1,857,590	18,560,104 568,285	79,827,160 2,576,358	66,926,694 2,558,208
Mutton (frozen) ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	19,470,482 387,708	8,884,125 190,576	29,936,686 486,341	10,815,783 213,859
Pork (frozen) ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	13,346,400 509,909	10,479,042 409,856	4,013,637 169,480	1,160,739 73,765
Poultry (frozen) ..	..	..	.. £	..	7,619	221,147	595,112
Rabbits and Hares (frozen) ..	..	..	.. { pairs £	1,379,537 160,675	1,035,311 109,044	4,528,137 528,825	9,279,969 1,353,986
Preserved in Tins ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	22,291,310 1,132,070	28,092,602 1,461,462	34,444,231 2,061,345	26,543,062 1,525,842
Sausage Casings ..	..	..	.. { cwt. £	13,818 300,651	7,196 174,749	10,437 271,727	9,085 329,684
All Other Meats ..	..	..	.. £	520,919	385,230	357,232	379,846
Milk and Cream ..	..	..	.. £	1,051,847	1,425,160	2,733,230	2,961,437
Hides and Skins—							
Sheep (with wool) ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	19,192,347 791,749	44,051,793 1,803,678	54,476,850 3,379,693	32,038,120 3,246,515
Rabbit and Hare ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	5,750,112 1,750,681	6,203,553 2,616,670	4,947,452 2,020,950	5,520,569 1,786,345
Other Skins ..	..	..	.. £	480,016	295,928	340,946	196,158
Tallow (inedible) ..	..	..	.. { cwt. £	115,722 193,001	36,555 71,091	16,895 94,682	80,324 195,140
Eggs in shell ..	..	..	.. { dozen £	55,920 3,749	1,880,850 126,923	3,479,898 230,238	4,195,405 461,553
Eggs not in Shell ..	..	..	.. £	60,636	531,365	895,374	1,103,885
Cheese .. ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	16,573,648 1,086,603	11,923,578 642,800	30,311,114 1,430,698	25,575,894 1,697,685

(a) Subject to revision.

## VI.—LAND TRANSPORT.

## VICTORIA—RAILWAYS (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES UNDER THE CONTROL OF RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS).

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Nine Months Ended 31st March, 1948.
	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	
Average Mileage Operated ..	4,754	4,748	4,748	4,748	(b)
Traffic Train Miles Run '000	17,890	16,337	16,344	15,539	12,484
Passengers Journeys ..	142,124	195,698	196,118	170,165	136,645
Goods Carried tons '000	5,250	7,275	6,609	6,861	5,804
Live Stock Carried tons '000	726	(a) 730	(a) 620	700	(b)

(a) Estimated.

(b) Not yet available.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Gross Revenue .. ..	£'000 9,284	15,258	14,675	13,577
Working Expenses .. ..	£'000 8,060	12,832	12,531	12,916
Net Earnings (a) .. ..	£'000 1,224	2,426	2,144	661
Interest Charges, Exchange and Contributions to National Debt				
Sinking Fund, &c. .. ..	£'000 2,168	2,225	2,209	2,131
Net Result for Year .. ..	£'000 — 944	+ 201	— 65	— 1,470
Net Earnings on Capital Cost (b) ..	% 2.33	4.59	4.02	1.23

(a) Before the payment of capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, &amp;c.

(b) Capital cost as written down in accordance with *Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act 1936*.

## MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Tramway Track Open—				
Double .. .. miles	(a) 127.344	124.778	124.777	125.996
Single .. .. miles	5.915	6.615	6.591	5.380
Motor Omnibus Route .. miles	48.616	67.613	68.602	68.602
Vehicle Mileage—				
Tramways .. .. miles	22,980,520	22,730,635	22,673,730	22,494,656
Motor Omnibuses .. .. miles	2,164,930	8,146,473	7,865,400	6,928,996
Passenger Journeys—				
Tramways .. .. No.	182,094,402	284,139,431	281,198,208	262,406,398
Motor Omnibuses .. .. No.	11,911,439	70,663,685	70,196,236	57,947,171
Revenue—	£	£	£	£
Traffic Receipts .. ..	2,304,946	3,990,553	4,004,377	3,847,643
Other .. ..	15,280	15,482	16,563	22,008
Total Revenue .. ..	2,320,226	4,006,035	4,020,940	3,869,651
Operating Expenses (b) .. ..	1,516,717	2,530,165	2,602,944	2,764,263
Surplus on Operation .. ..	803,509	1,475,870	1,417,996	1,105,388

(a) Including 7.894 miles of cable tramway. The cable tramway service ceased operation on 26th October, 1940.

(b) Excluding interest and other charges and appropriations.

## VICTORIA—MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Commonwealth-owned vehicles and Defence Service vehicles.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles—				Motor Cycles.
	Private.	Commercial and Hire.	Primary Producers' (a).	Total.	

## REGISTRATION OF NEW VEHICLES.

1938-39 Year .. .. .	15,249	3,953	2,494	21,696	2,140
1944-45 „ „ „ „	533	1,813	437	2,783	84
1945-46 „ „ „ „	1,205	2,037	311	3,553	377
1946-47 „ „ „ „	6,122	3,222	1,411	10,755	1,642
1947-48 „ „ „ „	12,164	6,055	3,293	21,512	3,479

## RE-REGISTRATION OF USED VEHICLES.

1938-39 Year .. .. .	13,718	3,459	3,277	20,454	4,787
1944-45 „ „ „ „	10,812	2,980	2,550	16,342	4,550
1945-46 „ „ „ „	12,417	6,586	2,924	21,927	6,235
1946-47 „ „ „ „	9,874	6,246	2,983	19,103	5,428
1947-48 „ „ „ „	7,896	4,472	2,466	14,834	3,862

## RENEWALS OF REGISTRATION.

1938-39 Year .. .. .	122,164	28,750	41,656	192,570	19,771
1944-45 „ „ „ „	127,119	35,139	52,014	214,272	15,164
1945-46 „ „ „ „	130,735	38,309	52,747	221,791	16,616
1946-47 „ „ „ „	137,859	44,689	53,548	236,096	19,102
1947-48 „ „ „ „	147,271	50,433	55,233	252,937	21,742

(a) Includes private cars and commercial vehicles, separate particulars of which are not available.

## VICTORIA—TRANSPORT BOARD LICENCES.

Type of Licence.	Licences in Force at 30th June—			
	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Temporary Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles .. .. .	79	467	1,102	1,172
Commercial Goods Vehicles .. .. .	1,098	282	431	2,192
Total, Temporary Licences .. .. .	1,177	749	1,533	3,364
Permanent "Discretionary" Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles .. .. .	976	1,134	1,849	2,348
Commercial Goods Vehicles .. .. .	1,894	442	822	1,058
Total, "Discretionary" Licences .. .. .	2,870	1,576	2,671	3,406
Licences Issued "As of Right"—				
To operate for hire or reward—				
Within 25 miles of Melbourne .. .. .	4,751	6,465	7,937	9,136
Within 25 miles of Ballarat, Bendigo, or Geelong .. .. .	439	791	903	1,038
Within 20 miles of places of business of owners generally outside radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong .. .. .	4,203	6,385	7,392	8,022
Primary Producers .. .. .	699	2,615	3,285	4,275
Commercial Goods Vehicles owned by Butter and Cheese Factories .. .. .	297	368	418	473
Ancillary Carriers .. .. .	20,062	19,578	24,298	26,554
Vehicles carrying Third Schedule Goods, Racecourse Floats, Petroleum Tank Wagons, and Commercial Travellers' Vehicles .. .. .	914	1,261	2,584	3,741
Total, "As of Right" .. .. .	31,365	37,463	46,817	53,239
Additional Licences to Commercial Goods Vehicles to Carry Passengers .. .. .	558	187	207	283
Grand Total .. .. .	35,970	39,975	51,228	60,292



## VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

(As reported to the Police.)

Period.	Number of Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Number of Persons Killed.	Number of Persons Injured.	Number of Accidents in which no Person was Killed or Injured.	Total Number of Accidents.
<i>City of Melbourne.</i>					
1938-39 Year .. ..	1,470	47	1,593	4,161	5,631
1945-46 „ .. ..	1,064	42	1,156	1,557	2,621
1946-47 „ .. ..	1,104	34	1,254	2,018	3,122
1947-48—					
September Quarter .. ..	297	13	314	553	850
December Quarter .. ..	238	5	267	515	753
March Quarter .. ..	224	4	240	456	680
<i>Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne).</i>					
1938-39 Year .. ..	3,508	177	3,862	5,534	9,042
1945-46 „ .. ..	2,778	120	3,209	2,725	5,503
1946-47 „ .. ..	3,515	155	3,997	3,949	7,464
1947-48—					
September Quarter .. ..	852	43	922	960	1,812
December Quarter .. ..	876	35	1,002	953	1,829
March Quarter .. ..	744	30	825	902	1,646
<i>Outside Metropolitan Area.</i>					
1938-39 Year .. ..	1,558	194	1,973	2,265	3,823
1945-46 „ .. ..	1,443	174	1,837	1,604	3,047
1946-47 „ .. ..	1,903	197	2,559	2,080	3,983
1947-48—					
September Quarter .. ..	447	36	535	581	1,028
December Quarter .. ..	417	47	545	539	956
March Quarter .. ..	468	48	598	566	1,034
<i>Total—Victoria.</i>					
1938-39 Year .. ..	6,536	418	7,428	11,960	18,496
1945-46 „ .. ..	5,285	336	6,202	5,886	11,171
1946-47 „ .. ..	6,522	386	7,810	8,047	14,569
1947-48—					
September Quarter .. ..	1,596	92	1,771	2,094	3,690
December Quarter .. ..	1,531	87	1,814	2,007	3,538
March Quarter .. ..	1,436	82	1,663	1,924	3,360

## VII.—FINANCE.

## VICTORIA—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Revenue.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Taxation (a) .. .. .	10,085	4,100	4,295	4,669	5,847
Railways .. .. .	9,349	16,109	15,590	14,822	13,785
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings .. .. .	2,300	2,687	2,728	2,551	2,688
Land .. .. .	387	972	938	882	825
Interest n.e.i. .. .. .	1,881	1,528	1,474	1,511	1,580
Commonwealth Payments—					
Under Financial Agreement .. .. .	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127
Income Tax Reimbursement (b) .. .. .	..	6,318	6,423	6,431	8,771
Entertainments Tax Reimbursement (b) .. .. .	..	373	373	373	
All other Revenue .. .. .	857	1,330	1,325	1,825	1,736
Total Revenue .. .. .	26,986	35,544	35,273	35,191	37,359
Total Revenue per Head of Population .. .. .	£ s. d. 14 7 10	£ s. d. 17 17 5	£ s. d. 17 11 9	£ s. d. 17 8 4	£ s. d. 18 6 3

(a) For details see page 28.

(b) Under the provisions of the Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursements Acts of 1942 and States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act 1946.



## VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Public Debt Charges—					
Interest on Funded Debt ..	6,640	6,354	6,285	6,214	6,055
Exchange on Interest Payments ..	669	703	687	645	585
Sinking Fund Contributions ..	859	1,192	1,327	1,407	1,474
Other .. ..	62	151	133	137	102
Railways .. ..	7,694	12,790	12,427	12,073	12,374
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings .. ..	980	1,454	1,579	1,802	1,711
Education .. ..	3,123	3,654	3,976	4,362	5,216
Public Health .. ..	143	116	175	199	252
Hospitals .. ..	1,054	1,676	1,813	2,042	2,555
Other Charities (a) .. ..	2,302	908	760	584	537
Law, Order, and Public Safety ..	1,285	1,814	1,789	1,769	2,028
All other Expenditure .. ..	2,962	4,112	3,973	3,951	4,465
Total Expenditure ..	27,773	34,924	34,924	35,185	37,354
Total Expenditure per Head of Population .. ..	£ s. d. 14 16 4	£ s. d. 17 11 2	£ s. d. 17 8 3	£ s. d. 17 8 3	£ s. d. 18 6 2

(a) Including contributions to Unemployment Relief Fund.

## VICTORIA—STATE TAXATION.

Tax.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948. (b)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
State Taxation Collections—					
Income Taxes (a) .. ..	6,251	94	86	89	86
Land Tax .. ..	482	358	321	383	374
Probate Duty .. ..	1,374	1,854	1,825	2,461	2,096
Stamp Duties, n.e.i. .. ..	960	887	1,071	1,335	1,482
Motor Taxation .. ..	1,914	1,655	1,847	2,094	2,389
Entertainments .. ..	677	646	878	969	1,252
Liquor .. ..	255	382	389	484	551
All other Taxes .. ..	110	107	110	127	135
Paid to Consolidated Revenue ..	10,085	4,295	4,669	5,847	6,004
Paid to Special Funds .. ..	1,938	1,688	1,858	2,095	2,361
Total .. ..	12,023	5,983	6,527	7,942	8,365
Commonwealth Reimbursements—					
Income Tax .. ..	..	6,423	6,431	} 8,771	9,881
Entertainments Tax .. ..	..	373	373		
Total .. ..	..	6,796	6,804	8,771	9,881
Grand Total .. ..	12,023	12,779	13,331	16,713	18,246
Per head of Population—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
State Collections .. ..	6 8 3	2 19 8	3 4 8	3 17 10	4 1 1
Commonwealth Reimbursements ..	..	3 7 9	3 7 4	4 6 0	4 15 10
Total .. ..	6 8 3	6 7 5	6 12 0	8 3 10	8 16 11

(a) Including Unemployment Relief Tax.

(b) Subject to revision.

## VICTORIA—STATE EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS.

Heads of Expenditure.	During Year Ended 30th June—			Total to 30th June, 1947.
	1945.	1946.	1947.	
Public Works—	£	£	£	£
Railways—				
As reduced.. .. .	496,294	389,434	433,979	51,447,931
Transferred .. .. .	..	..	..	29,134,658
Roads and Bridges .. .. .	9,443	11,119	92,936	12,759,455
Water Supply and Sewerage .. .. .	315,729	435,575	1,466,122	34,233,080
Electricity Supply .. .. .	..	..	..	17,839,227
Public Buildings—				
Schools .. .. .	164,784	177,107	539,436	6,982,938
Hospitals .. .. .	605,747	118,020	176,230	1,690,633
Other .. .. .	49,076	66,890	81,951	1,652,188
Housing .. .. .	750,000	25,285	528,562	2,493,847
Unemployment Relief .. .. .	3,891	433	..	13,147,158
Other Public Works .. .. .	..	14,767	125,869	3,898,307
Primary Production—				
Land Settlement (a) .. .. .	..	69,378	2,226,665	43,866,977
Advances to Settlers .. .. .	(b) 717,217	(b) 223,158	(b) 99,253	3,681,200
Wire Netting Advances .. .. .	79	5,878	..	885,729
Bulk Handling of Wheat .. .. .	..	..	..	1,000,000
Forestry .. .. .	480,600	657,029	1,329,450	4,428,570
Mining (including State Coal Mine) .. .. .	437	499	197	592,086
Other Primary Production .. .. .	45	9,562	10,230	1,117,099
Other Purposes .. .. .	90,000	..	..	450,950
Total Public Works, &c. .. .. .	3,683,342	2,204,134	7,110,880	231,302,033
In Aid of Revenue .. .. .	4,255,000	..	..	9,118,682
Grand Total .. .. .	7,938,342	2,204,134	7,110,880	240,420,715

(a) Including Soldier Settlement.

(b) Including Drought Relief, £625,000 in 1944-45, £129,000 in 1945-46, and £88,410 in 1946-47.

## VICTORIA—STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

At 30th June—	Repayable in—			Total.	Total Public Debt per Head of Population.
	London.	New York.	Australia.		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1914 .. .. .	39,275	..	26,856	66,131	46 10 1
1919 .. .. .	43,400	..	39,994	83,394	56 11 8
1929 .. .. .	59,835	4,658	89,336	153,829	86 19 7
1939 .. .. .	62,498	4,499	112,701	179,698	95 10 3
1947 .. .. .	56,158	4,501	122,437	183,096	89 1 9
1948 .. .. .	56,132	4,570	128,243	188,945	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

## ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (a)—AVERAGE DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Deposits—			Advances.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1945-46—				
December Quarter .. .. .	83,215	121,397	204,612	68,397
March Quarter .. .. .	80,709	132,062	212,771	73,606
June Quarter .. .. .	78,887	134,872	213,759	80,607
1946-47—				
September Quarter .. .. .	77,315	131,631	208,946	79,612
December Quarter .. .. .	73,165	137,841	211,006	83,425
March Quarter .. .. .	73,248	147,612	220,860	88,076
June Quarter .. .. .	72,461	151,419	223,880	96,970
1947-48—				
September Quarter .. .. .	72,564	144,409	216,973	105,881
December Quarter .. .. .	71,865	152,440	224,305	111,881
March Quarter .. .. .	71,074	163,620	234,694	115,987
June Quarter .. .. .	69,999	170,752	240,751	120,363

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Includes General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank of Australia and twelve other banks.

## MELBOURNE BANKS' CLEARING HOUSE.

Period.								Total Amount Cleared.
								£'000
1929	Year	..	..	..	..	..	..	814,668
1939	„	..	..	..	..	..	..	864,631
1944	„	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,448,005
1945	„	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,484,398
1946	„	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,825,986
1947	„	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,964,025
1946	March Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	422,340
	June Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	465,192
1947	March Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	432,981
	June Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	489,452
	September Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	485,741
	December Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	555,851
1948	March Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	502,427
	June Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	607,274

## SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS IN VICTORIA.

Period.				Deposits—			Total Deposits per Head of Population.
				State Savings Bank (a).	Commonwealth Savings Bank.	Total.	
				£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
At 30th June—							
1929	..	..	..	66,130	6,577	72,707	41 2 2
1931	..	..	..	57,138	6,104	63,242	35 2 10
1939	..	..	..	69,219	11,242	80,461	42 15 4
1943	..	..	..	97,517	23,732	121,249	61 3 7
1944	..	..	..	122,682	31,205	153,887	77 9 7
1945	..	..	..	143,216	38,933	182,149	90 10 5
1946	..	..	..	163,723	47,603	211,326	104 2 2
1947	..	..	..	168,148	47,959	216,107	104 16 9
1948	..	..	..	177,781	48,620	226,401	109 15 8

(a) Includes School Bank and Deposit Stock Accounts.

## VICTORIA—MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE.

Period.				Mortgages Registered during Period.					
				Under Transfer of Land Acts (a).		Under Property Law Act (b).		Total.	
				Number.	Considera- tion (c).	Number.	Considera- tion (c).	Number.	Considera- tion (c).
					£'000.		£'000.		£'000.
Year ended 31st December—									
1929	..	..	..	27,916	21,082	899	968	28,815	22,050
1939	..	..	..	19,144	12,244	853	773	19,997	13,017
1945	..	..	..	10,237	4,771	490	389	10,727	5,160
1946	..	..	..	18,055	7,030	801	456	18,856	7,486
1947	..	..	..	21,342	12,922	903	386	22,245	13,308
1947—									
	March Quarter	..	..	4,469	2,715	177	43	4,646	2,758
	June Quarter	..	..	5,290	2,663	242	83	5,532	2,746
	September Quarter	..	..	6,003	3,964	252	165	6,255	4,129
	December Quarter	..	..	5,580	3,580	232	95	5,812	3,675
1948—									
	March Quarter	..	..	4,698	4,064	180	151	4,878	4,215
	June Quarter	..	..	5,617	4,787	197	137	5,814	4,924

(a) Mortgages under the Transfer of Land Act are in respect of land brought under such Act subsequent to 1862 and land alienated by the Crown since that date.

(b) Mortgages under the Property Law Act are in respect of land alienated by the Crown prior to 1862 and not subsequently brought under the Transfer of Land Act.

(c) Excluding the amounts owing under mortgages given to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

## VICTORIA—COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER COMPANIES ACT.

Particulars.	Year Ended 31st December—				Six Months Ended 30th June, 1948.
	1929.	1939.	1946.	1947.	
Number registered during period—					
Victorian Trading .. ..	926	537	784	844	541
Foreign .. ..	62	37	68	69	33
Mining .. ..	22	28	10	13	2
Total .. ..	1,010	602	862	926	576
Nominal Capital of Companies registered during period—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading .. ..	44,083	17,302	13,782	21,643	16,711
Foreign .. ..	(a)	8,975	19,764	14,488	12,973
Mining .. ..	1	..	88	1,266	28
Number of Existing Companies at end of period—					
Victorian .. ..	7,259	10,229	9,369	10,042	10,486
Foreign .. ..	899	643	804	856	880
Increase during the period in nominal Capital of Existing Companies—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading .. ..	10,246	6,854	11,560	24,518	16,187
Mining .. ..	244	1,097	90	395	85

(a) Not available.

## VIII.—PRODUCTION.

## VICTORIA—RAINFALL, YEARLY RECORDS AND MEANS.

Year Ended 31st December.	Districts.								Whole State.
	Mallee.	Wimmera.	Northern.	North-Central.	North-Eastern.	Western.	Central.	Gipps-land.	
	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
1943 ..	8·25	13·48	10·98	20·22	26·76	25·86	22·46	30·05	19·44
1944 ..	6·59	10·46	9·24	17·10	20·72	24·30	23·97	27·54	17·09
1945 ..	9·63	15·20	14·84	21·71	29·97	25·21	22·25	28·60	20·50
1946 ..	14·07	22·07	17·76	29·86	39·85	40·20	33·04	41·19	29·37
1947 ..	15·16	22·71	20·35	32·93	40·91	33·80	33·00	36·10	28·46
Averages (a) ..	12·49	17·52	18·09	27·06	34·81	27·58	29·64	33·47	24·28

(a) Averages for a standard 30 years' period, 1911–1940.



## VICTORIA—AREA, YIELD, AND GROSS VALUE OF ALL CROPS, 1946-47.

Crop.	Area.	Yield.	Gross Value.(a)
	Acres.		
Wheat .. .. .	3,501,135	48,970,908 bushels .. .. .	19,790,625(b)
Oats .. .. .	453,898	6,401,430 bushels .. .. .	1,379,949(b)
Barley—			
Malting (2 row) .. .. .	124,079	2,106,595 bushels .. .. .	756,159(b)
Other (6 row) .. .. .	13,943	215,317 bushels .. .. .	55,158
Maize .. .. .	8,107	356,898 bushels .. .. .	146,416
Rye .. .. .	6,237	29,841 bushels .. .. .	14,921
Hay—			
Wheaten .. .. .	65,354	78,957 tons .. .. .	311,312
Oaten .. .. .	356,442	468,558 tons .. .. .	1,908,025
Lucerne, &c. .. .. .	42,492	77,287 tons .. .. .	394,851
Meadow .. .. .	213,499	360,422 tons .. .. .	1,508,582
Straw .. .. .	..	27,500 tons .. .. .	116,188
Grass Seed .. .. .	15,970	24,770 cwt. .. .. .	116,729
Canary Seed .. .. .	30	63 cwt. .. .. .	127
Peas for grain .. .. .	7,771	126,771 bushels .. .. .	68,700
Green Fodder .. .. .	49,659	.. .. .	126,598
Potatoes .. .. .	56,400	223,782 tons .. .. .	2,479,641(c)
Onions .. .. .	6,460	28,244 tons .. .. .	452,435
Other Vegetables .. .. .	43,431	.. .. .	4,187,443
Sugar Beet .. .. .	753	9,170 tons of beet (1,014 tons of sugar) ..	27,052
Turnips, Beet, &c., for fodder ..	1,357	4,924 tons .. .. .	39,392
Mangolds .. .. .	575	3,734 tons .. .. .	18,670
Tobacco .. .. .	1,186	9,706 cwt. .. .. .	147,815
Hops .. .. .	183	2,342 cwt. .. .. .	36,616
Broom Millet .. .. .	458 {	2,358 cwt. fibre .. .. .	8,423
		1,190 cwt. seed .. .. .	663
Chicory .. .. .	423	413 tons .. .. .	25,006
Flax.. .. .	12,041	13,858 tons of straw .. .. .	111,054
Orchards—			
Productive .. .. .	56,869	.. .. .	3,311,622
Unproductive .. .. .	14,443	.. .. .	..
Grapes—			
Table .. .. .	1,507	3,537 tons .. .. .	123,795
Wine .. .. .	6,236	13,919 tons .. .. .	205,351
Drying .. .. .	33,808	Wine made 3,081,622 gallons 172,430 tons producing— 33,041 tons of sultanas .. .. . 4,174 tons of raisins .. .. . 6,088 tons of currants .. .. .	2,170,977 238,439 360,583
Vines, unproductive .. .. .	1,397	.. .. .	..
Other Crops .. .. .	6,837	.. .. .	366,044
Total Crops .. .. .	5,102,980	.. .. .	41,055,961

(a) The gross value is based on the wholesale price realized in the principal markets. The places where primary products are absorbed locally or where they become raw materials for a secondary industry are presumed to be the principal markets.

(b) Includes Drought Relief, Marginal Area, and Flour Tax payments.

(c) Includes Subsidies.



## VICTORIA—ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD OF PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.			For Grain—			Hay.	Potatoes.	Grapes for Drying (a).	Fruit (b).
			Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.				
Area of Crops.									
			Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1943-44	..	..	1,793,428	426,305	83,259	740,672	70,430	34,077	57,023
1944-45	..	..	2,141,729	722,169	129,054	901,983	83,238	34,220	55,246
1945-46	..	..	3,251,393	511,483	134,132	1,060,496	63,000	33,607	56,512
1946-47	..	..	3,501,135	453,898	138,022	677,787	56,400	33,808	56,869
1947-48	..	..	3,227,162	650,119	164,189	(c) 657,146	(d) 59,400	(e)	(e)
Total Production.									
			Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons (f)	
1943-44	..	..	19,733,322	3,704,985	1,078,128	963,103	217,380	58,838	..
1944-45	..	..	3,497,677	1,335,429	359,536	704,246	305,216	39,934	..
1945-46	..	..	29,633,760	7,401,816	1,743,754	1,444,250	230,749	49,430	..
1946-47	..	..	48,970,908	6,401,430	2,321,912	985,224	223,782	43,303	..
1947-48	..	..	46,962,385	15,380,970	3,576,771	1,042,438	(e)	(e)	..
Average Yield per Acre.									
			Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons (f)	
1943-44	..	..	11·00	8·69	12·95	1·30	3·09	1·73	..
1944-45	..	..	1·63	1·85	2·79	0·78	3·67	1·17	..
1945-46	..	..	9·11	14·47	13·00	1·36	3·66	1·47	..
1946-47	..	..	13·99	14·10	16·82	1·45	3·97	1·28	..
1947-48	..	..	14·55	23·66	21·78	1·59	(e)	(e)	..

(a) Excluding table grapes, wine grapes, and unproductive vines, the area of which in 1946-47 amounted to 1,507, 6,236, and 1,397 acres respectively.

(b) Productive orchards only. The area of unproductive orchards in 1946-47 was 14,443 acres. Owing to the varying units of quantity, total production cannot be conveniently shown in this statement. (See *Victorian Year-Book*).

(c) Including wheaten 52,020 acres and oaten 340,036 acres.

(d) Subject to revision.

(e) Not yet available.

(f) Weight of dried produce.

## VICTORIA—WHEAT AREAS AND YIELDS IN COUNTIES FOR SEASON 1947-48.

Districts and Counties.		Area.	Production.	Average Production per Acre.	District Average Production per Acre.
		Acres.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
<b>Central</b> .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	<b>19·03</b>
Grant .. ..	.. ..	24,034	473,079	19·68	..
<b>North-Central</b> .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	<b>17·50</b>
Talbot .. ..	.. ..	25,946	460,294	17·74	..
<b>Western</b> .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	<b>17·36</b>
Grenville .. ..	.. ..	13,132	246,967	18·81	..
Hampden .. ..	.. ..	14,931	247,116	16·55	..
Ripon .. ..	.. ..	37,766	676,756	17·92	..
<b>Wimmera</b> .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	<b>18·69</b>
Lowan .. ..	.. ..	228,521	3,939,981	17·24	..
Borong .. ..	.. ..	563,413	10,917,670	19·38	..
Kara Kara .. ..	.. ..	178,995	3,291,936	18·39	..
<b>Mallee</b> .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	<b>10·02</b>
Millewa .. ..	.. ..	106,857	336,985	3·15	..
Weeah .. ..	.. ..	171,770	1,491,902	8·68	..
Karkaroc .. ..	.. ..	723,050	7,600,215	10·51	..
Tatchera .. ..	.. ..	428,192	4,898,801	11·44	..
<b>Northern</b> .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	<b>17·24</b>
Gunbower .. ..	.. ..	26,382	319,067	12·10	..
Gladstone .. ..	.. ..	148,158	2,452,668	16·55	..
Bendigo .. ..	.. ..	128,466	2,095,584	16·31	..
Rodney .. ..	.. ..	67,558	1,196,420	17·71	..
Moir .. ..	.. ..	280,159	5,153,265	18·39	..

VICTORIA—WHEAT AREAS AND YIELDS IN COUNTIES FOR SEASON 1947-48  
—continued.

Districts and Counties.				Area.	Production.	Average Production per Acre.	District Average Production per Acre.
				Acres.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
<b>North-Eastern</b> .. .. .				..	..	..	<b>21·11</b>
Delatite	..	..	..	4,353	73,493	16·88	..
Bogong	..	..	..	35,134	762,847	21·71	..
<b>Gippsland</b> .. .. .				..	..	..	<b>19·91</b>
Tanjil	..	..	..	4,139	83,908	20·27	..
Remaining Counties	..	..	..	16,206	243,431	15·02	..
Grain	..	..	..	3,227,162	46,962,385	14·55	..
Hay	..	..	..	52,020	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	3,279,182	..	..	..

VICTORIA—VARIETIES OF WHEAT SOWN IN 1947.

Variety.						Area (actual).	Percentage of Total Area.
						Acres.	%
Quadrat	..	..	..	..	..	1,219,054	37·18
Ghurka	..	..	..	..	..	418,011	12·75
Magnet	..	..	..	..	..	393,173	11·99
Bencubbin	..	..	..	..	..	301,881	9·21
Pindar	..	..	..	..	..	298,024	9·09
Ranee	..	..	..	..	..	208,527	6·36
Regalia	..	..	..	..	..	131,127	4·00
Insignia	..	..	..	..	..	62,989	1·92
Pinnacle	..	..	..	..	..	44,315	1·35
Bobin	..	..	..	..	..	40,225	1·23
Dundee	..	..	..	..	..	38,478	1·17
Baldmin	..	..	..	..	..	37,541	1·14
Rajah	..	..	..	..	..	20,484	0·62
Free Gallipoli	..	..	..	..	..	11,467	0·35
Sepoy	..	..	..	..	..	9,608	0·29
Mac's White	..	..	..	..	..	7,294	0·22
Glueclub	..	..	..	..	..	6,353	0·19
Diadem	..	..	..	..	..	4,036	0·12
Turvey	..	..	..	..	..	3,448	0·11
Nabawa	..	..	..	..	..	2,933	0·09
C.M.G.	..	..	..	..	..	2,168	0·07
Waratah	..	..	..	..	..	1,857	0·06
Gluyas	..	..	..	..	..	1,111	0·03
Seagull	..	..	..	..	..	945	0·03
Major	..	..	..	..	..	888	0·03
Eureka	..	..	..	..	..	783	0·02
Gabo	..	..	..	..	..	667	0·02
Gular	..	..	..	..	..	594	0·02
Warigo	..	..	..	..	..	594	0·02
Bungulla	..	..	..	..	..	567	0·02
All other varieties and seed from silos, stacks, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	10,040	0·30
Total	..	..	..	..	..	3,279,182	100·00

## LIVE STOCK IN VICTORIA.

District.	Horses.	Cattle.			Pigs.	Sheep.
		All Dairy Cattle.	Beef Cattle.	Total.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central .. ..	53,738	284,632	110,666	395,298	41,308	1,537,211
North-Central ..	12,220	47,647	41,381	89,028	10,495	1,508,000
Western .. ..	34,542	369,257	165,790	535,047	33,541	5,664,641
Wimmera .. ..	19,779	35,527	12,505	48,032	12,517	2,705,170
Mallee .. ..	16,925	31,048	8,059	39,107	12,702	1,168,628
Northern .. ..	40,408	199,132	57,199	256,331	63,871	2,866,552
North-Eastern ..	18,544	146,332	160,366	306,698	37,035	1,422,336
Gippsland .. ..	25,298	362,804	141,858	504,662	60,023	1,058,635
Totals at 31st March, 1948 .. ..	221,454	1,476,379	697,824	2,174,203	271,492	17,931,173
Totals at 31st March—						
1944 .. ..	277,662	1,406,028	607,005	2,013,033	337,878	19,220,457
1945 .. ..	253,782	1,364,202	538,908	1,903,110	296,232	16,457,101
1946 .. ..	232,473	1,299,769	527,318	1,827,087	271,887	14,655,277
1947 .. ..	227,164	1,411,628	648,433	2,060,061	290,450	16,598,490
1948 .. ..	221,454	1,476,379	697,824	2,174,203	271,492	17,931,173

## DAIRY CATTLE IN VICTORIA.

District.	Milking Cows.	Dry Cows.	Springing Heifers.	Other Heifers.	Calves.	Bulls.	Total Dairy Cattle.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central .. ..	129,742	48,306	12,047	45,197	42,556	6,784	284,632
North-Central ..	18,571	8,224	2,558	7,701	9,283	1,310	47,647
Western .. ..	137,351	89,299	23,627	55,457	54,166	9,357	369,257
Wimmera .. ..	13,450	7,523	2,119	4,229	6,726	1,480	35,527
Mallee .. ..	13,193	4,978	1,859	3,978	5,943	1,097	31,048
Northern .. ..	89,006	25,398	9,001	33,273	37,093	5,361	199,132
North-Eastern ..	62,582	24,418	11,271	17,147	27,463	3,451	146,332
Gippsland .. ..	175,184	49,661	15,970	53,140	60,383	8,466	362,804
Totals at 31st March, 1948 ..	639,079	257,807	78,452	220,122	243,613	37,306	1,476,379
Totals at 31st March—							
1944 .. ..	611,599	263,197	63,688	211,317	218,970	37,257	1,406,028
1945 .. ..	591,437	267,763	66,107	201,158	202,258	35,479	1,364,202
1946 .. ..	629,046	182,353	71,247	200,855	181,170	35,098	1,299,769
1947 .. ..	646,823	230,382	78,935	174,196	245,783	35,509	1,411,628
1948 .. ..	639,079	257,807	78,452	220,122	243,613	37,306	1,476,379

## VICTORIA—SHEEP AND LAMBS.

District.	One Year Old and Upwards.				Under One Year Lambs.	Total Sheep and Lambs.
	Rams.	Breeding Ewes.(a)	Other Ewes.	Wethers.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central .. ..	19,997	783,337	86,885	292,361	354,631	1,537,211
North-Central ..	18,844	760,348	44,237	366,443	318,128	1,508,000
Western .. ..	67,743	2,394,845	394,255	1,520,021	1,287,777	5,664,641
Wimmera .. ..	31,206	1,228,655	135,085	671,608	638,616	2,705,170
Mallee .. ..	14,369	778,213	12,272	105,035	258,739	1,168,628
Northern .. ..	42,193	1,725,587	56,994	279,217	762,561	2,866,552
North-Eastern ..	19,945	835,915	33,680	209,081	323,715	1,422,336
Gippsland .. ..	11,008	505,847	49,489	251,309	240,982	1,058,635
Totals at 31st March, 1948 .. ..	225,305	9,012,747	812,897	3,695,075	4,185,149	17,931,173
Totals at 31st March—						
1944 .. ..	245,791	8,975,270	1,537,638	4,265,800	4,195,958	19,220,457
1945 .. ..	216,994	7,485,741	1,774,389	3,946,620	3,033,357	16,457,101
1946 .. ..	196,906	7,711,733	751,819	3,734,902	2,259,917	14,655,277
1947 .. ..	211,998	8,584,216	689,702	3,395,470	3,717,104	16,598,490
1948 .. ..	225,305	9,012,747	812,897	3,695,075	4,185,149	17,931,173

(a) Includes ewes mated as well as those not being bred from during the season under review. Breeding ewes not mated numbered 388,957 at 31st March, 1948.

## VICTORIA—WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE.

Season.	Clip.	Stripped from and Exported on Skins, &c. (Greasy).	Total Quantity. (Greasy).	Gross Value.	Average Price per lb.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	£	d.
1942-43 .. ..	174,045,163	34,159,329	208,204,492	14,223,964	16·40
1943-44 .. ..	163,838,577	32,576,650	196,415,227	13,290,073	16·24
1944-45 .. ..	142,615,657	34,527,400	177,143,057	11,856,369	16·06
1945-46 .. ..	109,236,140	43,161,367	152,397,507	9,527,048	15·00
1946-47 .. ..	150,807,569	46,268,669	197,076,238	18,708,593	22·78
1947-48 .. ..	157,866,750	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.



## VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.(c)
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Factories .. .. .	9,250	9,669	10,195	10,949
Persons employed (a)—				
Males .. .. .	136,218	174,424	178,951	188,758
Females .. .. .	65,613	83,209	77,298	76,999
Total .. .. .	201,831	257,633	256,249	265,757
Wages paid (b)—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Males .. .. .	29,006	59,533	56,773	63,035
Females .. .. .	7,021	14,694	13,726	14,959
Total .. .. .	36,027	74,227	70,499	77,994
Value of—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Fuel, light, and power used .. .. .	3,595	6,299	6,306	7,201
Lubricating oil and water used and repairs .. .. .	2,655	5,985	6,208	6,516
Materials used (including containers) .. .. .	80,722	152,761	154,225	170,224
Production (net) .. .. .	65,996	122,377	122,406	131,496
Output .. .. .	152,968	287,422	289,145	315,437
Land and buildings .. .. .	42,026	57,809	60,265	62,752
Machinery and plant .. .. .	38,570	58,571	58,537	59,125

(a) Average over whole year. Includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

(c) Revised figures.

## VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE ADDED IN PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE.

Class of Industry.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.(a)
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products .. .. .	1,576	1,271	1,615	2,189
Bricks, pottery, glass, &c. .. .. .	1,530	1,368	1,715	1,886
Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paints, oils and grease .. .. .	4,462	8,708	7,395	8,208
Industrial metals, machines, implements and conveyances .. .. .	16,460	44,084	39,165	37,584
Precious metals, jewellery and plate .. .. .	547	505	722	1,044
Textiles and textile goods (not dress) .. .. .	6,324	11,586	12,415	14,350
Skins and leather (not clothing or footwear) .. .. .	1,373	2,154	2,331	3,252
Clothing .. .. .	7,865	12,594	13,237	15,860
Food, drink and tobacco .. .. .	12,610	19,918	19,696	22,330
Woodworking and basketware .. .. .	2,391	4,202	4,197	5,090
Furniture, bedding, &c. .. .. .	1,281	1,143	1,653	2,135
Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, &c. .. .. .	4,930	6,795	7,189	8,566
Rubber .. .. .	1,573	2,007	2,124	2,542
Musical instruments .. .. .	24	21	36	40
Miscellaneous products .. .. .	722	2,540	3,209	3,386
Heat, light and power .. .. .	2,328	3,481	5,707	3,034
Total .. .. .	65,996	122,377	122,406	131,496

(a) Revised Figures.

Note.—“Added Value” is the source from which provision is made for the following:—salaries and wages, depreciation, taxation, rent, insurance, miscellaneous expenses and profits.

## VICTORIA—VALUE OF RECORDED PRODUCTION, 1946-47.

Industry.	Value at Place of Production.	Cost of Production. (a)	Net Value of Production.	Net Value per Head of Population.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£ s. d.
Agriculture .. .. .	36,439	7,173	29,266	14 6 11
Pastoral .. .. .	29,991	1,352	28,639	14 0 9
Dairying .. .. .	20,677	2,639	18,038	8 16 10
Poultry and Bee Farming .. .. .	7,030	1,416	5,614	2 15 1
Trapping, Forestry, and Fisheries ..	7,022	(b) 504	6,518	3 3 11
Mining .. .. .	2,814	761	2,053	1 0 2
Manufacturing .. .. .	131,496	..	131,496	64 9 3
Total .. .. .	235,469	13,845	221,624	108 12 11

(a) Costs of production include stockfeed, seed costs and pickling, manures, spraying, sheep and cattle dips, power, fuel, water, and all other materials used in production.

(b) Incomplete.

## VICTORIA—NET VALUE OF RECORDED PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Year.	Industry.							Total.
	Agri- culture.	Pastoral.	Dairying.	Poultry and Bee Farming.	Trapping, Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manu- facturing.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1937-38 ..	8 0 10	9 19 2	5 12 10	1 11 10	1 2 0	0 18 6	34 17 4	62 2 6
1938-39 ..	2 19 11	8 1 8	5 6 3	1 13 6	0 18 1	0 18 7	35 3 11	55 1 11
1939-40 ..	6 6 0	8 13 10	6 10 6	1 13 6	1 3 1	1 2 4	39 3 2	64 12 5
1940-41 ..	3 14 0	9 14 2	6 16 4	1 4 9	1 12 9	1 6 2	46 7 8	70 15 10
1941-42 ..	7 18 9	10 9 6	6 9 0	1 8 4	2 2 1	1 2 8	56 15 6	86 5 10
1942-43 ..	9 13 0	12 11 4	6 6 6	2 10 1	1 17 6	0 19 1	61 11 7	95 9 1
1943-44 ..	8 1 6	13 2 9	6 19 1	2 12 6	2 11 0	0 15 6	62 0 3	96 2 7
1944-45 ..	7 8 7	12 3 9	7 6 4	2 15 2	2 9 6	0 15 5	61 0 4	93 19 1
1945-46 ..	10 1 8	8 19 7	7 9 2	2 17 4	3 0 0	0 17 3	60 14 7	93 19 7
1946-47 ..	14 6 11	14 0 9	8 16 10	2 15 1	3 3 11	1 0 2	64 9 3	108 12 11

**STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA—BROWN COAL WON, BRIQUETTES  
MANUFACTURED AND ELECTRICITY GENERATED AND SENT OUT.**

Period.	Brown Coal Won.		Briquettes Manufactured.	Electricity Generated—			Electricity Sent Out from Generating Stations—		
	Yallourn Open Cut.	Yallourn North Open Cut.		Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.	Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.
	Tons'000	Tons'000	Tons'000	kWh millions	kWh millions	kWh millions	kWh millions	kWh millions	kWh millions
1938-39 Year ..	3,643	(a)	400	103·2	824·1	927·3	102·8	739·2	842·0
1944-45 ..	5,249	47	431	119·8	1,382·5	1,502·3	119·3	1,307·4	1,426·7
1945-46 ..	5,449	49	493	185·7	1,408·9	1,594·6	185·2	1,329·1	1,514·3
1946-47 ..	5,618	133	490	206·2	1,484·8	1,691·0	205·8	1,399·0	1,604·8
1947-48 ..	5,994	197	545	230·2	1,674·3	1,904·5	228·0	1,582·1	1,810·1
1946-47— September Quarter	1,495	33	137	69·2	385·1	454·3	69·2	363·3	432·5
December Quarter	1,320	32	114	77·9	334·4	412·3	77·7	314·5	392·2
March Quarter ..	1,424	41	138	33·0	356·1	389·1	32·9	335·4	368·3
June Quarter ..	1,379	27	101	26·1	409·2	435·3	26·0	385·8	411·8
1947-48— September Quarter	1,600	39	147	72·2	423·3	495·5	72·0	399·5	471·5
December Quarter	1,388	47	128	84·2	370·9	455·1	83·3	349·5	432·8
March Quarter ..	1,400	45	129	37·0	385·4	422·4	36·6	364·1	400·7
June Quarter ..	1,606	66	141	36·8	494·7	531·5	36·1	469·0	505·1

(a) No operations during 1938-39.

**IX.—MISCELLANEOUS.**

**GREATER MELBOURNE (a)—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY MUNICIPALITIES.**

*(New Series.)*

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.
1938 Year ..	5,333	5,318	531	1,641	6,124	1,446	11,988	8,405
1939 ..	5,148	5,370	483	1,655	6,113	1,658	11,744	8,683
1940 ..	5,686	6,827	410	2,166	5,569	1,462	11,665	10,455
1941 ..	6,193	6,849	250	921	5,392	1,403	11,835	9,173
1942 ..	262	225	58	260	2,135	636	2,455	1,121
1943 ..	80	43	39	513	3,450	550	3,569	1,106
1944 ..	263	177	30	126	6,398	895	6,691	1,198
1945 ..	1,944	2,059	107	443	6,644	1,046	8,695	3,548
1946 ..	7,292	9,875	241	1,314	7,882	1,520	15,415	12,709
1947 ..	8,787	13,685	476	2,156	6,664	2,057	15,927	17,898
1947— March Quarter ..	2,152	3,340	86	228	1,515	355	3,753	3,923
June Quarter ..	2,122	3,176	111	288	1,639	409	3,872	3,873
September Quarter ..	2,259	3,567	136	924	1,801	474	4,196	4,965
December Quarter ..	2,254	3,602	143	716	1,709	819	4,106	5,137
1948— March Quarter ..	1,831	3,077	99	274	1,430	728	3,360	4,079
June Quarter ..	2,664	4,589	93	572	1,572	452	4,329	5,613

(a) The particulars are in respect of municipalities and parts of municipalities in the metropolitan area re-defined from 1st January, 1947. The statement is, therefore, not comparable with information shown on page 30 of the *Quarterly Abstract of Statistics* for December, 1946 (No. 1).

*Note*—The above statement is exclusive of Government buildings and of building operations by the Housing Commission of Victoria.

## VICTORIA—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY TEN(a) PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.)		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.
1939 Year ..	647	460	59	107	619	153	1,325	720
1940 „ ..	481	346	32	197	532	133	1,045	676
1941 „ ..	424	351	31	100	530	117	985	568
1942 „ ..	57	41	12	20	264	29	333	90
1943 „ ..	6	3	11	29	361	46	378	78
1944 „ ..	30	15	19	23	474	91	523	129
1945 „ ..	218	206	23	34	646	94	887	334
1946 „ ..	693	768	39	34	1,096	160	1,828	962
1947 „ ..	819	1,032	47	99	937	162	1,803	1,293
1947—								
March Quarter	202	239	13	23	238	43	453	305
June Quarter	180	218	10	35	242	43	432	296
September Qr.	218	282	13	31	234	41	465	354
December Qr.	219	293	11	10	223	35	453	338
1948—								
March Quarter	162	237	11	14	194	41	367	292
June Quarter	217	318	7	156	198	59	422	533

(a) Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Mildura, and Warrnambool, the Towns of Horsham, Newtown and Chilwell, and Sale, and the Borough of Shepparton.

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of Government buildings and of building operations by the Housing Commission of Victoria.

## HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA.

Period.	Contracts Let(a) during Period for the Erection of Dwelling Units.			Dwelling Units Completed during Period.		
	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	* Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prior to 1941-42 ..	1,002	135	1,137	714	54	768
1941-42 Year ..	90	..	90	322	81	403
1942-43 „ ..	116	..	116	79	..	79
1943-44 „ ..	323	75	398	118	..	118
1944-45 „ ..	747	345	1,092	539	115	654
1945-46 „ ..	1,677	677	2,354	889	204	1,093
1946-47 „ ..	2,050	891	2,941	893	552	1,445
1947-48 „ ..	(b) 1,188	(b) 873	(b) 2,061	1,416	809	2,225
1947-48—						
September Quarter	(b) 240	(b) 162	(b) 402	376	171	547
December Quarter	(b) 371	(b) 270	(b) 641	406	265	671
March Quarter ..	(b) 406	(b) 169	(b) 575	277	183	460
June Quarter ..	(b) 171	(b) 272	(b) 443	357	190	547
Total to 30th June, 1948 ..	(b) 7,193	(b) 2,996	(b) 10,189	4,970	1,815	6,785

(a) Including work performed by day labour. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

(b) Subject to revision.

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of houses erected at Sunshine by the Housing Commission of Victoria for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust.